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I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also.
1 Cor. xiv. 15

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Prayer makes religion real.—*Novalis.*

We, no more than our fathers, can be content to spend all our time in the field, in the street, or even by the hearth at home. The generations may perish; but between the spirit of man and the Spirit of God the relation is steady and eternal—an asking from below, a benediction from above.—*James Martineau.*

I do not see why men of different opinion may not hold communion *in sacris*, and go to one Church. And were liturgies and public forms of service so framed as they admitted, not of particular and private fancies, but contained only such things as in which all Christians do agree, schisms on opinion were utterly vanished.—*John Hales of Eton*, 1642.

I claim liberty for extempore prayer; liberty for silent prayer, and liberty for altering the liturgy. As long as the world stands there will be people who prefer a liturgy like yours; others who prefer extempore prayer; others free selections from fixed prayers; but all reasonable men would allow such a form to be best, to be really catholic, which would unite all, assigning to each mode its fittest place.—*Baron Bunsen to Dr. Arnold of Rugby in* 1834.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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NOTE

This Order of Service is not intended to be strictly adhered to, but may be shortened or otherwise varied by the officiating minister. It is not the object of this book to establish an inflexible form, but rather to afford the means of variety in public prayer, and to save it from becoming a one-man utterance, and not a general and congregational worship. Free prayer by the minister is at the same time an essential feature of this Order of Service. The ideal of public worship is the union in one service of free and liturgical prayer.

SUGGESTIONS

It is good to be in one's place before the service begins. The opening acts of worship give a spiritual tone to the hour. If unavoidably late, do not enter during reading or prayer.

Members of the Congregation are requested to rise before the commencement of singing, and not while the first words are being sung.

In prayer it is desirable for all to kneel, if possible.

Join heartily and reverently in the Service throughout, audibly in the responses and the Lord's Prayer, so that the worship may be the common prayer and praise of the whole congregation.

The Sermon may be closed with the *Gloria Patri*, or with some other ascription of praise. Amen by the Choir and Congregation. The reading of one or two Scripture Sentences just before or during the Offertory will help to make the Offertory more distinctly what it ought to be—a part of the service, an act of worship.

After the Benediction, it is recommended that the Congregation pause a short time for silent meditation and prayer before leaving their places.

Let us have grace that we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

Let all things be done decently and in order.

Let all the people say Amen.

Study to be quiet.

Worship requires serious effort, not only from the one who is to lead it, but from those who are to follow it and make it their own. Enter into every act with a devout spirit and a prepared mind, for in worship it is only as we seek that we find. Unto him who hath shall be given.

First Order of Service.

MORNING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

O COME, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, and He shall lift you up.

Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you.

People. It is good for us to draw near unto God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Father of lights, from

whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant unto Thy servants, now assembled for these holy offices of prayer and praise and meditation, the spirit of grace and supplication, that our worship at this time may be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

Minister. Let us with one heart and one voice humbly confess our sins unto God, our heavenly Father.

GENERAL CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

Minister. Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in purity and peace; without stumbling and without stain; that reaching the eventide without being overcome by

any temptation, we may praise, Thee, the God of our life, in whose mercy is our salvation and our hope for ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE BEATITUDES.

(Said or sung. All standing.)

Blessed are the poor in	spirit: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are they that -	mourn: - - for they	shall be -	comforted.
Blessed are the - -	meek: for they shall in-	herit the -	earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after - - - -	righteousness: for they	shall be -	filled.
Blessed are the - -	merciful: for they shall ob-	tain - -	mercy.
Blessed are the pure in	heart: - for they -	shall see -	God.
Blessed are the - -	peacemakers: for they shall be called the -	children of	God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' - -	sake: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are the dead who die in the - -	Lord: they rest from their labours and their -	works do follow them:	AMEN.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. I exhort, says the Apostle, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of all mankind, we pray for all the nations of the earth and for all kings, princes, and rulers; more especially for Thy servant King Edward, for his whole Council, and for all the people of his realm; that all things may be so ordered and settled that truth and justice, piety and peace, may be established among us for many generations.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, who hast appointed our lot, we pray for all schools and colleges; for all teachers and learners; for all who speak and write; for all who practise the art of healing; for merchants, and all who go forth unto their work and labour until the evening. Grant that every man may know himself to be Thy servant, and do with his might whatsoever his hand findeth to do.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, who settest the solitary in families, we pray that parents may bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that children may love and honour their parents; that masters may rule

with justice and kindness, and that servants may obey with diligence and faithfulness.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, the Giver of every good gift, we pray for our kindred and friends, and for all children who are dear to us, that they may be preserved outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, and that doing Thy will and rejoicing in Thy mercy and love here they may partake of Thy joy hereafter.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, the Strength of the weak, the Refuge of the sorrowful, we pray Thee to have compassion on those who are worn with toil; to defend and cherish all little children; to bless and support all aged persons; to protect all who travel by land or sea; to comfort those who are suffering in body or mind; to extend Thy mercy to the oppressed, and especially to those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; to deliver the tempted and to bring back all who have wandered from Thy way; to save the sinful, and to receive the spirits of the dying.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Thy blessing on Thy Church throughout the world, that it may abide with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy Name; on all those who minister in holy things that they may faithfully discharge their ministry according to Thy will; on all

who do good work in the kingdom of Thy Son, that their labours may not be in vain; and on the whole of Thy people, that they may walk worthy of their vocation and strive to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; the Strength of those who labour and suffer, and the Repose of the holy and blessed dead; we rejoice in the communion of Thy saints. We remember all who have faithfully lived; all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us. Lift us into light and love; and give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in Thee, and striven in all things to do Thy holy will. And unto Thy Name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, would we ascribe all honour and glory, world without end.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, the Life of the faithful, the Bliss of the righteous, mercifully receive the prayers of Thy children, that the souls which thirst for Thy promises may evermore be filled from Thine abundance: through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we would now join with one heart and voice:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us

this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

O Thou, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, may our speaking and hearing at this time be to the quickening and increase of our faith and hope and love, and to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy; to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, both now and for evermore. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Minister. I will not offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Owe no man anything, but love one another.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Accept, O Lord, these offerings which Thy people

make unto Thee, and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under Thy guidance to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

Or,

Almighty God who hast sounded in our ears Thy saving truth, enlighten our minds and souls to the full understanding of what has been spoken, and deepen in our hearts every serious impression, that we may not only be hearers of good words, but also doers of good deeds, striving ever to live blameless and faithful lives through Thy help, and to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

Bless all who worship Thee, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us, now and always. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Second Order of Service.

EVENING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

FROM the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's Name is to be praised.

Let our prayer be set forth as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Behold bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the House of the Lord.

People. The Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless us out of Zion.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

O Thou whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Thy presence and humbly seeks Thy face; we come to Thee as the day declines and the shadows of evening fall. Deepen within us every feeling of shame and sorrow for the wrong we have done, for the good we

have left undone; and strengthen every desire to amend our lives according to Thy holy will. Restore us to the joy of Thy salvation; bind up that which is broken; re-kindle the sacred fire; give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls; according to Thy loving kindness in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time, and especially in the course of this day, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR PARDON.

Minister. Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than we either desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, for-

giving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, for Thy Name's sake. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. If any man will come after Me, said Jesus, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the grace of Christ.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. I exhort, says the Apostle, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

Let us pray.

O Thou who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and the refuge of Thy children in all generations, enlarge our faith and love that we may pray for needs beyond our own, for our brethren and friends, for Thy Church and for the world.

For our country and King; for our rulers and judges; for the cause of justice and good brotherhood; that in the work of righteousness we may find peace, and that the effect of righteousness may be unto us quietness and assurance for ever:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For Thy Church throughout the world, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and humbly serve thee:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For those that work with their own hands,

that they may serve Thee in all things; and for those that buy and sell and get gain, that they may be rich toward God:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For all parents, that they may order their households in Thy faith and fear; and for all children, that they may also be Thy faithful children and true disciples of Thy Son:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For all who teach the young, that they may have faith and patience and the guidance of Thy Spirit:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For the ignorant and the poor, for the friendless and the homeless, for the unprotected and the tempted, for the unbelieving and the sinful; that Thy love may be their salvation and defence:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For the rich and the great, that they may not be high-minded, nor trust in any outward prosperity, but only in Thee, remembering that they are but stewards of Thy bounty, and that at last they shall be called to render their account:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For the sick and the suffering, for the bereaved and the dying, that they may wait Thy will and have Thy help to walk by faith through the darkness:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. O Lord God, the Life and Light of men, the Strength of those who labour and the Refuge and Rest of the dead, we remember all those once known to us on the earth, who have passed into the unseen world. May we have great peace and great hope as we think of them in this quiet hour. Even now may we be refreshed with true joy; that so with patience we may run the race that is set before us, and with them serve and enjoy Thee for ever. AMEN.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee: fulfil now, we pray Thee, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

Now may the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O God, our Strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Freely ye have received, freely give.

Let every man give according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Minister. O God, who hast made us glad in the service of Thy house, may the blessing we have received not pass away from us. Accept our sacrifice of prayer and praise; and forgive the imperfection of our holy things.

We commend ourselves to Thee. We go forth again into the world to do Thy will and to serve our fellows in all honesty and charity; and whether Thou leadest us in green pastures and by still waters, or through trouble and strife, and the valley of the shadow of death, we pray only that we may never lose the light of Thy face, and that our hearts may ever be at rest in Thee. AMEN.

Or,

Almighty God, who makest darkness that it may be

night, and providest for Thy children the gift of rest; mercifully grant, we beseech Thee, that while we rest we may rest in Thee, and when we wake, we may awake to Thy praise. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Third Order of Service.

MORNING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

SEEK ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His will.

God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

Let us lift up our hearts with our voices unto God our Strength and our Redeemer.

People. We will lift them up unto God, who is our Strength and our Salvation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Almighty and all-merciful God, our Father in heaven, grant that we may desire and will, both now in our prayers and at all times in our life, what is pleasing to Thee. Give us grace that we may never have any wish which we cannot bring to Thee, nor any purpose in which we cannot seek Thy help. So may our spirits be ever at one with Thee, and our prayers such as Thou wilt hear and answer, according to Thy loving kindness declared unto us through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; have mercy upon us, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, put away our offences, and cleanse us from our sins. AMEN.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

Almighty God, in whose presence there is no night, and in whose Love there is continual rest; we bless Thee for Thy care of us during the hours of darkness, and we pray that we may dwell in Thy Presence and in Thy Peace this day and all the days of our life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck: write them on the table of thy heart. In the way of righteousness there is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. I exhort, says the Apostle, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who blessest them that bless Thee, and sanctifiest them that trust in Thee, save Thy people, and furnish plentifully with spiritual gifts all estates of men in Thy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and devoutly serve Thee.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, in whose hand are the hearts of kings, we beseech Thee to govern with Thy wisdom our King, and all our rulers and teachers, that they may be a blessing to those whom they guide and instruct, and be well-pleasing in Thy sight, who art King of kings and Lord of lords.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O Thou whose kingdom is over all, we pray

for all classes and conditions of men, beseeching Thee to consecrate and bless the industries and professions of our land, and to deliver us from all evil passions and desires, that we may live in peace and quietness all our days to Thy honour and glory.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, whose goodness loved us into life, and whose mercies never fail; we commend to Thee all who have a place in our hearts and sympathies; all who are joined to us by the sacred ties of kindred, friendship, and love; all little children who are dear to us; all our neighbours and their households; all who help us to a faithful life, and whose spirit turns our duties into love; keep them both outwardly in their bodies, and inwardly in their souls, and pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O Thou whose presence is everywhere and whose mercy never faileth, graciously regard all who are in trouble or danger, and especially those known to ourselves (whom we now name in our hearts before Thee): guide the wanderer, defend the innocent, restore the lost, heal the sick, comfort the bereaved, and receive the spirits of the dying.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Eternal God, Lord of every world, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead; we bless and praise Thy holy Name for all Thy servants

departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear to us, the friends of our youth and later years, and little children whose angels behold Thy face in heaven; and we beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow their good example that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit; and that finally when we too are called hence, we may be gathered together with them in the everlasting light and peace.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Peace be within these walls! Peace to young and old who enter here! And hasten the time, O Lord God, when not alone the holy places where Thine honour dwelleth, but the whole earth shall be full of Thy glory, when all life shall be pure, all work worship, and all Thy children, here and everywhere, shall pray the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all sacred Scriptures to be written for our learning; we thank Thee for the signs

of Thy providence and inspiration in many lands; and we desire of Thee the gifts of insight and wisdom, of patience and charity, so to read the letter of things written in olden times, that Thy Holy Spirit of truth may ever live in us; and that we may so meditate on the story of things temporal, as ever to worship Thee the Living and Eternal God. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Owe no man anything, but love one another.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man give according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

O Lord our God, King of all the earth, accept of Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people, which, in honour of Thy name, and with a free will and ready heart, they yield and dedicate unto Thee; and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service may be used for Thy glory and the welfare of Thy church. AMEN.

Or,

O God, the King Eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of night into morning; drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep Thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done Thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give Thee thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Bless all who worship Thee, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us, now and always. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His

face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Fourth Order of Service.

EVENING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

LIKE as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and shall be their God.

People.

Great God, to whom since time began
  The world has prayed and striven;
Maker of stars, and earth, and man,
  To Thee our praise is given.

Of suns Thou art the Sun,
Eternal, holy One;
Who us can help save Thou?
To Thee alone we bow;
Hear us, O God in heaven!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord of the evening hour, who hast often met with us at close of day, be our Refuge now from the noise of the world and the care of our own spirits. Grant us Thy peace. Let not the darkness of our ignorance and folly; of our sorrow and sin hide Thee from us. Draw near to us that we may be near to Thee. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Thy word abide with us till it has wrought in us Thy holy will. Quicken and refresh our hearts, renew and increase our strength, so that we may grow into the likeness of Thy faithful children, and by our worship at this time be enabled better to serve Thee in our daily life in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God, our heavenly Father.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and

strength; and that we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We pray Thee that, in Thy great mercy, Thou wilt help us henceforth to do those things which are pleasing in Thy sight. AMEN.

Minister. O Lord our God, who callest us by the pleadings of Thy good Spirit to forsake our sins, cleanse us from every mean desire and save us from every evil way, that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, and that we may come at last to the perfect obedience and fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE BEATITUDES.

(Said or sung. All standing.)

Blessed are the poor in	spirit: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are they that -	mourn: - - for they	shall be -	comforted.
Blessed are the - -	meek: for they shall in-	herit the -	earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after - - - -	righteousness: for they	shall be -	filled.
Blessed are the - -	merciful: for they shall ob-	tain - -	mercy.
Blessed are the pure in	heart: - for they -	shall see -	God.
Blessed are the - -	peacemakers: for they shall be called the -	children of	God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' - -	sake: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are the dead who die in the - -	Lord: they rest from their labours and their -	works do follow them:	AMEN.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE OR HYMN.

LITANY.

Almighty and Everlasting God, in communion with Thy saints in all ages, with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, with our beloved dead who have fallen asleep in Thy peace: we, who are still striving to do and bear Thy blessed will on earth, adore Thee, and offer to Thee our praises and supplications.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Make us of quick and tender conscience, that we may follow every suggestion of Thine indwelling Spirit.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. We pray Thee to reveal to us the beauty of Thy perfect will, the gladness of Thy service, the power of Thy presence in our hearts.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. May no perplexity create in us an impatient spirit, no temptation lead us into sin, no sorrow hide Thy loving will from us.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Teach us all to feel the need of Thy grace, and to seek it; to know Thy will, and to do it; and to abide in peace in our appointed lot.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Calm our passions; repress the waywardness of our wills, and direct the motions of our affections.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Help us to forgive as we would be forgiven; dwelling neither in speech nor thought upon offences committed against us, but loving one another as Thou lovest us.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Help us with all diligence to keep our hearts, and to conform ourselves to Thy will in things both small and great.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Gracious Father, who willest us to cast all our care on Thee who carest for us; preserve us from faithless fears and selfish anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of the Love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested to us in Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose faith and spirit we would further pray for ourselves and for all mankind:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

O Thou without whom nothing is good, may our speaking and our hearing at this time be to our increase in goodness and to the honour and glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

And now unto God our Father, we would, as is most meet, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, ascribe all honour and glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

Let him that is taught in the word minister unto him that teacheth in all good things. While we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name. AMEN.

O God, our Heavenly Father, by whose Providence both the day and night are governed, we commit, now and evermore, to Thy merciful and almighty keeping, our souls and bodies; our friends, and all our interests; beseeching Thee not to leave us nor forsake us, but to bring us in peace and safety to the last evening of our earthly life, when we shall lie down to take our sleep, and awake to be still with Thee. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Fifth Order of Service

MORNING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

COME, and let us return unto the Lord; let us follow on to know Him; His going forth is sure as the morning; and He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord. In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

Unto you that fear My Name, saith the Lord, shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

People. O send forth Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Most holy and most gracious God, who turnest the shadow of night into morning, satisfy us early with Thy

mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all the day. Lift the light of Thy countenance upon us; calm every troubled thought, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness, and help us to worship Thee in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

We come unto Thee, O God our Father, with hearts troubled by the memory and the burden of our offences. Of that which we ought to have done, but have not done; of that which we ought to have felt, but have not felt; of that which we ought to have spoken, but have not spoken; of all these things, and of all our sins, remembered and forgotten, we repent and turn to Thee. Graciously forgive us, good Lord, and purify and strengthen our hearts that we may walk steadfastly and uprightly before Thee all our days, and in the love and service of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. To Thee, O merciful God and Father, we humbly offer up ourselves, our souls and bodies, our thoughts and purposes, our words and actions, our hopes and fears, our wishes and desires, our interests and concerns, all that we have and all that we are, to be governed, guided, and blessed by Thee, this day, and all our days. O Thou who art our Helper at all times,

suffer us not in the time of prosperity to forget Thee, or in the time of adversity to fall into impatience and despondency; and in the time of temptation let us not despair because of our weakness, but put our whole trust in Thy goodness and mercy, revealed unto mankind in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all this Thy law in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE OR HYMN.

A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. I exhort, says the Apostle, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

Let us pray.

Hear us, O Lord, as we draw near unto Thee to make intercession for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with charity, peace and goodwill to all men.

Remember, O God, the nations of the earth, and all Thy children everywhere.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember our native land; Thy servant our King; all our rulers and magistrates, and the whole body of the people, and dispose us to endure no law that is at variance with Thine, and give us grace to fulfil all the duties of our time.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember, O God, Thy Church militant here upon earth; send light and peace into the temples

of Thy praise; pour the Spirit of truth and love upon all Thy ministers, and bring all Thy worshippers to the obedience and simplicity of Christ.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember for good this congregation here present, whose faith and piety and godly zeal do Thou accept and increase.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember all men and women in their various callings, that they may do with their might what their hands have found to do, and be faithful to the trust Thou hast committed to them.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember the children of our households, that they may remember Thee their Creator in the days of their youth, and grow up in Thy fear and love, and ever live as Thy children.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember all who are in sickness or sorrow of any kind (especially those known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee), speak comfortable words to the mourner and the dying, and bless them with Thy peace.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Remember, O most merciful God, all who are wandering from Thy ways; take from them all blindness of mind and hardness of heart, and bring them home to Thee.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence, and who hast knit all Thy saints in one communion unto life eternal, make us thankful for the grace and mercy bestowed on those whom Thou hast taken to Thyself. Keep alive in our hearts the remembrance of their goodness; and give us grace to cherish the hope that when the day breaks and the shadows flee away, we shall meet them again in Thy presence with exceeding joy; through Thy great mercy revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we would further pray for ourselves and for all mankind:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.

Spirit of Truth, guide us into all truth. Scatter our darkness, and let the light of Thy countenance be upon us now, and for ever. In Thy wisdom, we beseech Thee to make us wise. Deepen our love of goodness, and establish our hearts in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with ascription):

Now unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men.

Thou shalt not appear empty before the Lord, and diminish not the first fruits of thy hands.

Give unto the Most High according as He hath enriched thee, and, as thou hast gotten, give with a generous hand.

Let us consider one another, to provoke one another unto love and good works.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Almighty God, who hast sounded in our ears Thy saving truth, enlighten our minds and souls to the full understanding of what has been spoken, and deepen in our hearts every serious impression, that we may not only be hearers of good words, but also doers of good deeds, striving ever to live blameless and faithful lives through Thy help, and to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN.

Bless all who worship Thee, from the rising of the sun

unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us, now and always. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Sixth Order of Service.

EVENING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

MAN goeth forth unto his work and unto his labour until the evening.

It shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light.

This is the message which we have heard of Him; that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Seek ye the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually.

People. Thy face, Lord, will we seek.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of

whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; vouchsafe unto us who now seek to draw near unto Thee the help of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worship Thee with lowly, penitent, and obedient hearts, that all those things may please Thee that we do at this time, and that by our prayers and meditations we may be strengthened to make our whole life an offering pure and acceptable in Thy sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us with one heart and one voice humbly confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

O Lord our God, merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; mercifully forgive the sins of Thy children in thought, and word, and deed; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our transgressions, and through Thy great goodness deliver us from the bonds of those iniquities which we have committed, that we may hereafter serve Thee in freedom and newness of spirit, to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, Giver of every good gift, grant unto us the things that we do most need, those things which are ever needed in this our mortal life, even the sense of Thy forgiving mercy, a lowly heart to walk humbly with Thee, a just and charitable spirit to walk uprightly and lovingly with men; a patient trust in

Thee to work and to wait; a hope undying that Thou wilt receive us at the last into the eternal rest and peace; we ask it as disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

OLD TESTAMENT BEATITUDES.

(All standing.)

Minister. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed is the man whose strength is in the Lord, and in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord; they will be still praising Thee.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed are they that are upright in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed are they that keep the testimonies of the Lord, and that seek Him with the whole heart.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest out of Thy law.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound; they walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

People. Let Thy truth within us shine, O Thou Light, and Life, and Love divine.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

(To be said by all kneeling or bowing.)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

LITANY.

A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. And this is the confidence that we have in

God, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. Ask and it shall be given you.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to make intercession for all men, hear us while we pray :—

For our native land, that in us all the nations of the earth may be blessed :

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For our King; and for all our rulers, judges, and magistrates, that they may be endowed with the spirit of wisdom and righteousness :

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For the whole body of the people, that they may be sober and pure, righteous and reverent :

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who profess and call themselves Christians, that they may be led to the right understanding and practice of their holy faith :

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who preach the gospel of Jesus Christ; for all missionaries, evangelists, and teachers, and for all who are seeking and striving in other ways to bless their fellows, and to build up the kingdom of God in the world, that they may be steadfast and faithful, and that their labours may not be in vain :

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For our kindred and friends; and all who help us to a faithful life, that grace, mercy, and peace may rest upon them :

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For the poor and the ignorant, the weak and the lonely; the sick and the dying; and all who are troubled in mind, that Thy grace may be sufficient for them in their time of need:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For the tempted and the unbelieving; the vicious and all in bondage to sinful passions and the evil ways of the world:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all mankind, that they may be united in the fear and love of Thee:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee:

People. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, whose goodness loved us into life, and whose mercy endureth for ever; we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for those who being dead yet live and speak to us, and that their voices are still heard in the world, and felt in our hearts. We bless Thee for the assurance that they now dwell in the light and peace of Thy presence, and that Thy lovingkindness will be continued unto them for evermore. Give us grace to love Thee as much as Thy children have loved Thee in times past; uphold us in our earthly way, and in the hour of death do Thou receive us to everlasting life. And all these our intercessions and thanksgivings we offer in the name of Him who taught us to pray:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

O Thou without whom nothing is good, may our speaking and our hearing at this time be to our increase in goodness and to the honour and glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Owe no man anything, but love one another.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;

and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man give according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

O Lord our God, who alone makest us to dwell in safety; refresh with quiet sleep this night those who are wearied with the labours of the day; and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in Thee, that, lying down in peace to take our rest, we may fear no evil, but confidently give ourselves into Thy holy keeping as becometh disciples of Jesus Christ, in whom we see and realise Thy great love. AMEN.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thy goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. In perplexing paths keep Thou our feet; in darkened ways be Thou our light, and so guided and guarded by Thee may we do well upon the earth and come at last to the perfect and eternal rest of God. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The

Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. AMEN.

Seventh Order of Service.

MORNING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts with our voices unto God in the heavens.

People. We will lift them up unto God, our Strength and our Redeemer.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, open Thou our lips and purify our hearts, that we may worthily magnify Thy holy Name; and help us to be reverent in thought, word, and act, and to

worship Thee now and always in the filial faith and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us with one heart and one voice humbly confess our sins to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, and word, and deed; that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength: and that we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We beseech Thee, O God, to be forgiving to what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Thy mercy to direct what we shall be, so that the love of goodness may ever be first in our hearts, that we may always walk in Thy commandments and ordinances blameless, and follow unto our life's end in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving unto God.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty God, Father of Mercies, and Fountain of all Goodness, we praise and thank Thee for all Thy gifts to us and to all men. We thank Thee for our life, and all its blessings of health and strength; but more for all its affections and charities, and all its means of doing

good: above all, for whatever measure Thou hast taught us of Thy truth, for leading us through Jesus Christ nearer to Thee, and for giving us a hope full of immortality. And we beseech Thee, multiply Thy grace upon us, that no ignorance or sin may turn Thy blessings into curses; but give us such a lively sense of Thy goodness, that we may ever devote ourselves to Thy will and service, and go on through Thy mercy to the joy of everlasting life. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the grace of Christ.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

SUFFRAGES AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

People. And grant us Thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister. O Lord, save the King.

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Minister. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.

People. And make Thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save Thy people.

People. And bless Thine inheritance.

Minister. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

People. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

People. Because Thou only, O God, canst make wars to cease unto the ends of the earth.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, withhold not from those who have done us evil anything that may be good for them; but of Thy grace minister unto them and us, that we may live in charity with each other and all men, to the praise of Thy holy Name.

People. AMEN.

Minister. Hear our prayers, O God, for all Thy children. Show Thyself gracious unto all. Speak comfortable words unto Thy faithful servants. Especially do we commend unto Thee the sick, the bereaved, and the desolate: in Thee may the weak find strength, and the dying depart in peace.

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God of unchangeable Power and Eternal Light, look favourably on Thy whole Church, and by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual Providence carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that the things which were cast down are being raised up, that those things which had grown old are

being made new, and that all things are moving on toward perfection through the might of Thy love, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we would further pray with one heart, and one voice, for ourselves, and for all mankind:

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

Help us, O God, as we seek to redeem our lives with heavenly wisdom and to grow strong through meditation; and may all that we say and do at this time be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy; to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, both now and for evermore. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

He that giveth let him do it with simplicity; he that showeth mercy with cheerfulness. Render therefore to all all their dues; owe no man anything, but love one another.

Concerning the offering upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

PRAYER.

(After the offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Accept, O Lord, these offerings which Thy people make unto Thee, and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under Thy guidance to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

Grant, Lord, that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts and practise in our lives; and of Thy mercy keep us faithful unto the end. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Eighth Order of Service.

EVENING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Come let us go into the house of the Lord.

Peace to all who enter here! Peace to every one abiding herein.

Let our prayers be set forth as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Trust in Him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints.

People. Speak, Lord, and let Thy servants hear.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of

heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thought and kindled desire we may worship Thee in the faith and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O God of peace, the true Light of faithful souls, the Helper of the needy, and the Saviour of the sinful, be present unto our prayers, and give unto us the spirit of wisdom that we may hear and understand Thy Word, and strength that we may keep it unto life eternal. AMEN.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; have mercy upon us, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, put away our offences, and cleanse us from our sins; and teach us to love what is right and to do it for ever. AMEN.

Minister. O Thou whose service is perfect freedom, turn us again, and make us ready to follow after the things which belong to our peace. Keep us from dishonouring the faith we profess, and enable us always so to live that others may learn to love and serve Thee more, and that Thy Name may be praised world without end AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Jesus said: The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

People. We will lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. At all times and in all places we will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Minister and People. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God

of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. AMEN.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hear us while we pray:

That it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-

hearted; and to raise up those that fall; and finally to give us the victory over all temptation:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, sickness, and tribulation; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to defend and provide for all fatherless and motherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. God be merciful unto us sinners:

People. AMEN.

Minister. O Thou from whom we have come forth, and unto whom all souls return, we bless Thee that none of Thy children live to themselves alone, that we are all members one of another, and that even when our friends depart from us they live unto Thee, and unto us in Thy presence. O Thou who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, our fathers trusted in

Thee and were not put to shame. Be Thou a light unto their children's children, even unto all generations. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty Father, the Source from which we come, the End to which we travel, and the Light and Strength of our pilgrimage; mercifully grant that at the last what is good in us may prevail over what is evil; that everything may be brought into harmony with Thy will, and that God may be all in all. We ask it in the name of Him who declared Thy gracious purposes to mankind, and in whose words we would now pray with one heart and voice:

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

O Thou, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, may our speaking and hearing at this time be to the quickening and increase of our faith and hope and love, and to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with ascription):

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; unto the only wise God, our Creator and Father, our Saviour and Judge, be praise and glory world without end. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men.

Thou shalt not appear empty before the Lord, and diminish not the first-fruits of thy hands.

Give unto the Most High according as He hath enriched thee, and, as thou hast gotten, give with a generous hand.

Let us consider one another, to provoke one another unto love and good works.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

O God, who givest us these quiet moments of holy thought and prayer, mercifully receive our worship, and grant that we may continually advance in the love of Thee, and be able evermore to abide in Thy peace. AMEN.

To the Eternal Goodness and Mercy do we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us. Guard us from

evil, and grant us refreshing rest. Upon every soul in trouble or darkness do Thou cause Thy light to shine, that they may rest in Thee and be at peace. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Ninth Order of Service.

MORNING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

LIGHT is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Many there be that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth unto all generations.

How great is the lovingkindness of the Lord our God, and His compassion unto all such as turn unto Him.

People. Turn Thou us unto Thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord our God, satisfy us in the morning with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all the day. Be a refuge to us from the harsh demands of the world, from the strife of life, and from the oppression of selfish thoughts and moods. Deliver us from all the vain things which have such power over us; help us to quiet our souls in Thee, and learn what it is to rest in God. May the Spirit that spake by the prophets, and dwelt in Thy Son without measure, take entire possession of us, that we may worship in great humility and thankfulness, and pray in great faith, in all charity, and in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us with one heart and one voice humbly confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN.

Minister. O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Hear us, O God, in this and in all our prayers, as humble disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE BEATITUDES.

(Said or sung. All standing.)

Blessed are the poor in	spirit: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are they that -	mourn: - - for they	shall be -	comforted.
Blessed are the - -	meek: for they shall in-	herit the -	earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after - - - -	righteousness: for they	shall be -	filled.
Blessed are the - -	merciful: for they shall ob-	tain - -	mercy.
Blessed are the pure in	heart: - for they -	shall see -	God.
Blessed are the - -	peacemakers: for they shall be called the -	children of	God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' - -	sake: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are the dead who die in the - -	Lord: they rest from their labours and their -	works do follow them:	AMEN.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. I will therefore, says the Apostle, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath or disputing. Let us love one another; for love is of God and God is love.

Let us Pray.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all goodness, we pray for all classes and conditions of men:

That the rulers of our country may have a pure motive and a right judgment in all things:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That the King and all the members of the Royal Family may be so filled with Thy Holy Spirit

that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That all Judges and Magistrates may have grace to execute justice and to maintain truth:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That a wise and faithful spirit may prevail in our Parliament, and in all our Councils; and that we may be delivered from all unscrupulous ambitions, selfish rivalries, and false judgments:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That all ministers and teachers of religion may be so endued with the healthful spirit of Thy grace that they may be men of honest mind and simple heart, and set forth Thy truth both by their word and life:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That parents may train up their children in right ways; and that children may be kept from the evil that is in the world, and grow up a generation to praise Thee:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That masters may give unto their servants that which is just and equal; and that servants may fulfil their callings and tasks in honesty, not with eye-service, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That men of toil and wealth may learn that man doth not live by bread alone; that men of ease may not miss the true end of life; that men of poor and humble lot may keep their self-respect, and be defended from vice and misery:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That all physicians, and nurses of the sick, and all who are engaged in works of mercy, may have the aid of Thy counsel and be sustained by Thee:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That all who are worn by illness; all who are wronged and oppressed; all who are suffering for righteousness' sake; the weary and heavy laden; the aged and the dying, may be strengthened by Thy might, consoled by Thy love, and cherished by Thy Fatherly pity:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That in all charity Thy churches may flourish, and in all truth live and do their work:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That the burden of sin may be lifted off all human hearts; that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God; and that the dawn of the heavenly kingdom may brighten day by day:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That Thy merciful blessing may be extended to all our friends, and to all our enemies; to all who have prayed for us, and to all who have desired that we should pray for them:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God. AMEN.

Minister. O Thou who art, and wast, and art to come, the God of the generations of men ; we thank Thee for all who have walked humbly with Thee, and especially for those near to us and dear, in whose life we have seen the vision of Thy beauty. May we know that in the body, or out of the body, they are with Thee. Make us glad in their living, and comfort and teach us through their dying. Unite us still, God of our souls, in one household of faith and love, one family in heaven and upon earth. AMEN.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us in the fulness of Thy love and grace which Thou hast made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we further pray with one heart and voice :

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong and

nothing is holy, may our speaking and hearing at this time be to the increase of faith, hope and love. May all that is untrue perish in the speaking, and all that is true be preserved for the use of Thy children till this hour of darkness gives place to the everlasting light. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen or can see; to Him be honour and power everlasting. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Freely ye have received, freely give.

Let every man give according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

O Lord our God, King of all the earth, accept of Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people, which, in honour of Thy name and with a free will and ready heart, they yield and dedicate unto Thee;

and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service may be used for Thy glory and the welfare of Thy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Or,

Bless all who worship Thee, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us, now and always. AMEN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN

Tenth Order of Service.

EVENING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

BLESSED is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.

Look at the generations of old, and see: did ever any trust in the Lord and was confounded? or did any abide in His fear and was forsaken? or whom did He ever despise that called upon Him? For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of trouble.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

The day goeth away, and the shadows of the evening are stretched out; but it shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light.

People. Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.

(All kneeling, or bowing.)

Minister. Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father; help us as we seek through our prayers to draw near unto Thee; to bow our wills to Thine, and to yield our spirits to the influence of Thy Holy Spirit. Help us as we would worship Thine Eternal Goodness; meditate on the unwearied Mercy of which we are constant partakers; confess our shortcomings and sins, and give ourselves up to be led by Thee in the ways of purity and peace. In Thine Infinite Love be found of our seeking. AMEN.

Let us with one heart and voice humbly confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty and Most Merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that daily, by thought, word, deed and omission, do we fail in obeying Thy holy commandments and grieve Thy Good Spirit. We are much that we ought not to be. We are little that we ought to be. Deal with us, O God, not according to our poor deservings and our sinfulness, but according to Thy goodness and mercy, made known to mankind in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Most gracious God, redeem us from all evil,

and help us to seek everything that is true, to do everything that is right, and to love everything that is good. Pity us, the frail children of a passing day. Let not our littleness and unworthiness take from us the thought that we are loved by Thee. Let not the darkness and mystery of the world and of life rob us of our faith in Thee. Keep us ever in the fellowship of those who believe unto the saving of the soul, and are persuaded that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate them from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE BEATITUDES.

(Said or sung. All standing.)

Blessed are the poor in	spirit: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are they that -	mourn: - - for they	shall be -	comforted.
Blessed are the - -	meek: for they shall in-	herit the -	earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after - - - -	righteousness: for they	shall be -	filled.
Blessed are the - -	merciful: for they shall ob-	tain - -	mercy.
Blessed are the pure in	heart: - for they -	shall see -	God.
Blessed are the - -	peacemakers: for they shall be called the -	children of	God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' - -	sake: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are the dead who die in the - -	Lord: they rest from their labours and their -	works do follow them:	AMEN.

Minister. We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

People. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old.

Minister. O God make speed to save us.

People. O Lord make haste to help us.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION.

(Extempore, or any such Prayer as the Minister may choose.)

ANTHEM, CANTICLE OR HYMN.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

Minister. Men ought always to pray and not to faint. Neither is he that planteth anything, nor he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Almighty God, the Father of mankind, hear us while we pray:

That it may please Thee to regard with Thy favour the religious life of our land; to encourage and sustain all true prophets, evangelists, and teachers sent from God; to quicken and preserve Thy people in faithful-

ness; to enlighten those who believe amiss and those who believe not at all, and to guide all men into the sure paths of life everlasting:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to rule and govern all the churches of Thy Son in the right way, that they may never injure Thy truth by clamour and uncharitableness, but preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to cause Thy blessing to rest upon the efforts of all Christian people for the spiritual welfare of men; to accompany with Thy influence the preaching of the gospel and the religious instruction of the young; to sustain and preserve all missionaries to the heathen, and to prosper their efforts to reveal and establish the kingdom of Christ among the nations of the earth:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to guide and strengthen all those who are seeking to do their part toward lessening the suffering and ignorance and wickedness which prevail around them, that their work may be done devoutly, wisely, zealously, and hopefully:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to bless this congregation of Thy people, that the heart of each may be filled with the spirit of truth, goodness, and love, that our

light may shine before men, and the work of our hands be established:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to regard with Thy favour all little children, that they may be early led into the paths of wisdom and peace; young men and maidens, that they may be sober-minded, earnest, and brave; the mature, that the cares of the world may not weaken and kill their higher life; and all aged persons, that with chastened hearts they may still declare Thy wondrous works:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to comfort those in sickness and in sorrow (especially those known to ourselves, whom we name in our hearts before Thee); and in Thy great mercy to sustain and receive the spirits of the dying:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to remember all Thy people scattered abroad; all our brethren everywhere praying in this holy hour; that the solitary place may be made glad, and the lonely heart, sighing after Thee, be enriched with a sense of Thy presence and love:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before

them. We praise and bless Thee for all in the past which builds us up in that which cannot pass away. We are set in the line of those who have borne testimony to Thine unfailing goodness. Thou wert and art the God of our fathers, and we, who are called for a time to fill their places and carry on their work, pray for the strength and guidance that never failed them. AMEN.

Minister. O Lord God, the Life and Light of the faithful, the Strength and Hope of those who labour and suffer, the Everlasting Refuge and Rest of the dead; we praise and bless Thee for every worker who has done Thy will; for all who have glorified Thee on the earth, and now rest from their labours, while their works do follow them. May we who now live and strive in this world be followers of them who, through their faith and patience, are now inheriting the promises. We ask it for the glory of Thy grace revealed in Jesus Christ, in whose name we would now pray with one heart and voice:

Minister and People. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

Let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O God, our Strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Owe no man anything, but love one another.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye unto them.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth in all good things.

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, by whose merciful care we have been protected from all evil during this day; we pray Thee that Thy Presence may

still go with us as we pass into the shadows of night; that Thy hand holding us and Thy Spirit supporting us we may lie down without fear, in peace and thankfulness, and may rise in the morning with new strength to praise and serve Thee the God of our life, whose mercy endureth for ever. AMEN.

Or,

Bless all who worship Thee, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us, now and always. AMEN!

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

Eleventh Order of Service.

A SHORTER FORM OF MORNING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

THE Lord is in His holy temple; let the whole earth keep silence before Him.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and to be had in reverence of all that call upon Him.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth for ever.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

HYMN.

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truths attend Thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Jesus said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

A MORNING LITANY.

Minister. Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will we direct our prayers unto God, and look up. Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly.

Almighty and Everlasting God, the Refuge of Thy children from one generation to another, and our Help in every time of need; draw near to us as we now seek through the symbols of our earthly worship to draw near unto Thee. Open our souls to Thee, and quicken and warm the hearts grown dull and cold to the witness of Thy love. Win us from our low thoughts and cares, and draw us into the communion of Thy Spirit.

We praise Thee that Thou turnest the shadow of night into morning, and redeemest our lives from destruction, and dost bring us to Thy holy house:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. We praise Thee that Thou givest us another day for Thy worship, and for the doing of such things as are pleasing unto Thee:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. We praise Thee for all the things which give peace and brightness to our days, and for the tasks and trials by which we are trained and strengthened in trueness and goodness of life:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. We praise Thee for the Word of God by which we live; for Thy Word in ancient Scriptures and in the modern mind; in the outward universe, and hidden in our hearts, and made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord:

People. We praise Thee, O God. AMEN.

Minister. Father of all, be gracious unto us while we

confess our sins unto Thee, and beseeeh Thee to forgive all our transgressions.

People. **Forgive us, O God.**

Minister. In whatsoever we have offended by word, or deed, or by the secret movings of our spirits:

People. **Forgive us, O God.**

Minister. From all evil desires and affections; from selfishness and worldliness; from setting any bad example; and from tempting others:

People. **Save us, O God.**

Minister. In all things make us to know Thy will, and strengthen us to do the same:

People. **Help us, O God. AMEN.**

Minister. For our country and its rulers; for the peoples of the earth; for the rich and the poor; for masters and servants; for our universities and schools; for the industries of our land, and for all benevolent institutions; for such as are wronged and such as do wrong; for the sick and those who minister unto them; for wayward children and for sorrowing parents; for all who err through ignorance, and for all who have fallen into presumptuous sins; for all Thy worshippers here and everywhere; for the increase of spiritual light and power, and the triumph of truth and goodness in all the world:

People. **We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.**

Minister. O God, who hast included all Thy commandments in one commandment of love, so that if we love not our neighbour we cannot fulfil Thy law; we

humbly pray Thee to create in our hearts such a sincere and fervent love of one another, that we may be true children of our Father in heaven and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ:

People. AMEN.

Minister. O God, who art and wast and art to come; we consider the days and years of old, and our hearts say unto us,—Did ever any trust in Thee and were confounded? We recall those who have served Thee in their day and generation, and especially those whose memory is dear to our hearts. Parents and children, the friends and teachers of our youth and later years, in the body and out of the body, Thou hast made us to be one family in Thee. The Church beneath prays with the Church above, and the Light which shineth upon us doth illuminate and refresh the spirits of the departed. To the Eternal Faithfulness and Mercy we commend our selves, and all who are dear to us on earth and in heaven. And unto Thee, the Ever-blessed and Holy One, shall be everlasting praise in Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, and in whose words we now pray with one heart and voice:

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

(Brief extempore Prayer, or the following.)

Almighty and Ever-blessed God, the Father of our spirits, give to us of Thy great wisdom, that in its goodness and purity our lives may more and more be brought into Thy likeness, as revealed to us in Jesus, Thy beloved Son. Thou didst speak to us in Him. In the dimness of our earthly ways, we have seen the great Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Give us to feel yet more powerfully the leading and constraint of His Spirit, which is Life and Peace. Teach us yet more of the secret of that holy freedom in which all Thy trusting children live. By discipline, by labour, by the stern things of life, by the penalties of all evil-doing, by the fears that cloud our hearts, so order it, O Guardian of our lives, that there shall come forth in us Thy image and likeness, cleansed and free from spot or stain, or wrongful thing. From Thee we came. Into Thy hands we must fall at last. Let it not be with misused powers and sad decay, but in the fulness of ripened faith and truth. O Lord, in Thee have we trusted: let us never be confounded. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription):

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeeding joy; to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, both now and for evermore. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man give according as he hath purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

O God, who hast made us glad in the service of Thy house, may the blessing we have received not pass away from us. Accept our sacrifice of prayer and praise; and forgive the imperfection of our holy things; and when we go forth once more to our work in the world, do Thou, the God of labour and of rest, be with us throughout the week, and grant that even when our hands and our thoughts are occupied with daily toil our hearts may be at rest in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. AMEN.

Twelfth Order of Service.

SHORTENED FORM OF EVENING PRAYER.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

MAN goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

Every day will I bless Thee, and praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore, get wisdom; yea, with all Thy getting, get understanding.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.

People. O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

HYMN.

If, in a temple made with hands,
God speaketh still His high commands;
Let me to that blest place repair,
That I may learn my duty there.

If for the ailments of the soul
There be a power that makes it whole;
Let me to that pure fount apply,
Lest the neglected spirit die.

If there be still a sacrifice
That may to God with favour rise;
Let me present a contrite heart,
Ere from this temple I depart.

If, in the dread of death's dark hour,
The word of life hath soothing power
To hear that word, my spirit haste,
Ere yet the pains of death I taste.

Where God would have the oblation made,
There be the willing tribute paid,
Till to His name I consecrate
The worship of an endless state.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

ANTHEM, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

EVENING LITANY.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me shall be night; even the darkness hideth not from Thee, but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

Minister. Let us pray.

Almighty God, Lord of Peace and Giver of Rest; grant unto us at eventide as well as at noonday the light of Thy countenance, that we may see Thy truth and our duty, and so behold Thy glory, that we may grow into

Thy likeness. May we feel Thee to be near, and know Thee to be good, and that Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Lifting our hearts together, may we find Thee in our seeking, and with Thee all that is best and most abiding.

That Thou blessest the morning, the noonday, and the evening:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. That in this day Thou hast blessed us, and given us part in Thy work on the earth:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. That the darkness covering the earth calls Thy weary ones to rest in Thee:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. That Thy care is over all Thy children, Thy compassion with all sufferers, and Thy fatherly pity and longing toward all sinners:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. That in Jesus Christ we have beheld the glory of Thy goodness and love, and know Thee to be the Everlasting Father and Saviour of men:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. That Thou callest us to leave the low places of sense and sin, and become fellow-workers with Thee and Thy Son:

People. We praise Thee, O God. AMEN.

Minister. Almighty God, who takest away the sins of the world, and whose salvation is ever nigh to the contrite heart; we grieve that we so often wander from Thy

ways and forget Thy laws, and that we stand in constant need of Thy forgiveness.

The secret sins of our hearts; the evil thoughts of our minds; the transgressions of our lips:

People. Forgive us, O God.

Minister. Whatsoever we have unrighteously felt and thought, or outwardly acted, toward Thee or our fellow-men:

People. Forgive us, O God.

Minister. The weakness which we know not of, and the sins to which we are blind:

People. Forgive us, O God. AMEN.

Minister. Merciful Father, whose Life is Love, whose Will is Right; not for ease we pray, but for strength to cease to do evil, to learn to do well; for grace to keep clean and simple our hearts, and to live dutiful and blameless lives.

From all sin, and the fear that is born of sin; from every evil thought and purpose, and from wishing anything by which another may be harmed:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From being conquered by outward things; from the undue love of pleasure or of gain; from self-indulgence and self-deception; from self-sufficiency and self-seeking, and from all hardness of heart:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all the perils and dangers of this night:

People. Good Lord, deliver us. AMEN.

Minister. That we may strive earnestly to be faithful in all things, and live unto Thee at all times and in all places:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. That we may be simple and sincere, generous and unselfish, courageous for the right, and patient under disappointment:

People. Help us, O God. AMEN.

Minister. God of infinite charity, Giver of all good, Father of all spirits;

That Thou wilt protect and bless those near and dear to us, and bring them to be numbered among Thy faithful children:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That Thou wilt restore wanderers to their homes, and recover those who are lost to truth and goodness of life:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That Thou wilt provide for the needy, quiet the fearful, help the helpless; be near to those who are in peril on land or sea; strengthen the fainting heart, comfort the sick and the dying, and be the Light of the darkened home:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That Thou wilt remember for good the household of faith throughout the world; all who are united with us in the communion of the same spirit by which we are disciples of Jesus Christ and children of God:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That thou wilt give the people wisdom, and that every man's life and work may be good and fair, and blessed before Thee:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That Thou wilt bless the whole family of man, and that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. Eternal God, in whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence; we remember with quiet and grateful hearts our brethren and sisters who from the beginning of the world have pleased Thee in their several generations, and have now found their everlasting rest and home in Thee; mercifully grant that their example and memory may stir us to a better life; that when for us the night cometh when no man can work, we may be counted worthy to join their fellowship in that world where peace and love are perfect and immortal.

People. AMEN.

Minister. All these our thanksgivings and prayers we offer as disciples of Jesus Christ; in whose spirit and words we yet further pray:

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

PRAYER BEFORE SERMON.

(Brief extempore prayer, or the following.)

O Invisible God who seest all things, yet whom none can see; Father of lights whom to know is eternal life, yet whom none can know unless Thou dost show him Thy glory; vouchsafe of Thine infinite mercy, now and ever, to enlighten our minds and hearts to know Thee and Thy holy and perfect will. Let us not follow after shadows, but bring our feet into the way of truth; and may we ever continue to abide therein, following all the days of our life in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or,

Merciful Father, who willest not Thy children should wander in darkness; pour the light of Thy Spirit into our minds and hearts, that we may discover what is Thy holy will, and discern the true from the false, the evil from the good, that we may henceforth walk in all humility in the paths of heavenly wisdom and peace, to the glory of Thy holy Name. AMEN.

SERMON.

(Closing with the ascription.)

Now unto the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

Even so let your light shine before men, that they may

see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Freely ye have received, freely give.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus; it is more blessed to give than to receive.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth in all good things. While we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name. AMEN.

O God, our Heavenly Father, by whose Providence both the day and night are governed, we commit, now and evermore, to Thy merciful and almighty keeping, our souls and bodies; our friends, and all our interests; beseeching Thee not to leave us nor forsake us, but to bring us in peace and safety to the last evening of our earthly life, when we shall lie down to take our sleep, and awake to be still with Thee. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. AMEN.

Thirteenth Order of Service.

A SHORT SERVICE FOR A WEEK EVENING.

SENTENCES INVITING TO WORSHIP.

(To be read by the Minister. All standing.)

MAN goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening.

The day goeth away and the shadows of the evening are stretched out; but it shall come to pass that at evening time there shall be light.

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord; lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.

In God is our salvation and our glory: the rock of our strength and our refuge is in God.

Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us pray

(All kneeling or bowing.)

Almighty God, we bow before Thine Infinite Majesty with lowly reverence: we remember Thy fatherly good-

ness with child-like trust. Thou art ever near Thy children, waiting with patience that wearies not to reveal Thyself to those who will receive Thee. Let Thy presence be realised now by every heart, that this quiet hour of worship may be to us the gate of heaven, and this place none other but the house of God. Help our aspirations, that in the strength and peace of communion with Thee we may, when the hour is passed, rise from our prayer better fitted for our work; we ask it as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Or,

Almighty and Everlasting God, we come to Thee. We were made by Thee; we come to our Creator. We are sustained and blessed by Thee; we come to our Preserver and Benefactor. We are taught and led by Thee; we come to our Teacher and Good Shepherd. We are forgiven by Thee, and receive power to live as Thy faithful children; we come to our Saviour and Father. By searching we cannot find Thee out unto perfection, but Thou dost find us out in our moments of humble prayer and obedience. Open now the sanctuary within our souls to receive Thee. Pity our weakness, and lift us above all selfish care. Inspire our worship. Hallow our penitence and make it real. Sanctify our resolutions and make them strong. Show Thyself gracious unto all; according to Thy loving kindness in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION.

(Said aloud by all.)

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; have mercy upon us, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, put away our offences, and cleanse us from our sins. AMEN.

Minister. Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and evermore serve Thee with a quiet mind, and in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN.

LESSON.

PSALMS, CANTICLE, OR HYMN.

THE BEATITUDES.

(Said or sung. All standing.)

Blessed are the poor in	spirit: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are they that -	mourn: - - for they	shall be -	comforted.
Blessed are the - -	meek: for they shall in-	herit the -	earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after - - - -	righteousness: for they	shall be -	filled.
Blessed are the - -	merciful: for they shall ob-	tain - -	mercy.
Blessed are the pure in	heart: - for they -	shall see -	God.
Blessed are the - -	peacemakers: for they shall be called the -	children of	God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' - -	sake: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are the dead who die in the - -	Lord: they rest from their labours and their -	works do follow them:	AMEN.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

PRAYER.

(Extempore, or the following.)

Almighty God, Father of Mercies, and Fountain of all goodness, we praise and thank Thee for all Thy gifts to us and to all men; we thank Thee for our life and all its blessings of health and strength; but more for all its affections and charities, and all its means of doing good: above all, for whatever measure Thou hast taught us of Thy truth, for leading us through Jesus Christ nearer to Thee, and for giving us a hope full of immortality. And we beseech Thee, multiply Thy grace upon us, that no ignorance or sin may turn Thy blessings into curses; but give us such a lively sense of Thy goodness, that we may ever devote ourselves to Thy will and service, and go on through Thy mercy to the joy of everlasting life. AMEN.

Lord, for Thy grace we pray that we may consecrate our daily life to Thee, and in and through all our relations and duties to others, fulfil Thy holy and blessed will. Help us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purposes for

which they are given. Awaken us to new vision, and keep alive in us the good resolutions which fade so quickly. Preserve us from all the weakening and corrupting influences of the circle in which we move; chasten our lighter moments with the sense of our responsibility, and fill our solitude with an angel guard of holy thoughts. Give us strength when we are called to suffer; and since the fretfulness of our spirits is more hurtful than the crosses we have to bear, grant us that filial peace which comes of owning Thy hand in all things, and patience in the trust that Thou doest all things well. Let all the experience and discipline of life be to our enlargement and joy. AMEN.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, the Giver of all good, we pray Thee to be very gracious to our friends and kindred, to sanctify the ties which bind us to them, and so to fill us with love and gentleness and forbearance, that we may have a joy in each other that passeth not away. AMEN.

Almighty God, whose care and kingdom are over all, we remember, in this quiet hour, all those once known to us on the earth who have passed through the valley of the shadow of death into the light of Thy presence. Help us ever to believe that all is well,—well with those who seem to go away because they find the immortal rest and peace; and well for us who remain because of tender memories and lovely hopes. In sorrow and solitude give to us the prayer of gratitude and praise. Amid the constant changes of this world make us strong and calm in the persuasion and faith that neither death nor life, nor

things present, nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we would further pray with one heart and voice:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

COLLECT.

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SERMON OR ADDRESS.

(Closing with the ascription.)

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeeding joy; to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, both now and for evermore. AMEN.

OFFERTORY.

To do good and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

PRAYER.

(After the Offerings are placed on the Communion Table.)

O God, who givest us these quiet moments of holy thought and prayer, mercifully receive our thanksgivings and supplications, and grant, we beseech Thee, that we may continually advance in the love of Thee, and be able evermore to abide in Thy peace. AMEN.

COLLECT.

O Blessed God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us and all whom we love into Thy gracious keeping this night; and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us by Thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die; and grant that at the last as now our even-song may be: I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, makest me to dwell in safety. AMEN.

SATURDAY EVENING COLLECT.

O God, who hast brought us to the last day of another week, teach us to number our days and weeks that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Fit us for the holy rest and worship of Thy day and Thy house, that we may awaken with souls earnest to seek Thee, and to

partake in all the blessings of the weekly festival of the Resurrection. Revive the spirit of true godliness in our land and in our generation, and to all Thy people grant a larger knowledge of Thy truth and love, and more likeness to thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

LITANIES AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

FOR OCCASIONAL USE.

I.

A Prayer for Nearness to God.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Source of the light that never sets and of the love that never fails, Life of our life, Father of our spirits; hear us as we now beseech Thee, by Thine infinite mercy and goodness, to draw us, Thy weak and erring children, nearer and nearer to Thee in trust and love, in submission and obedience to Thy holy and blessed will.

By all Thy works; by Thy wonders in heaven and on earth; by the order which reigns over all; by the beauty which shines through all; by the bounty which blesses all:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

By the remembrance of Thine ancient mercies; by the revelation of Thyself to saints of old; by every holy record of wisdom and piety; by every faithful word of Thy servants, and by every good example:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

By the memory of Thy Son our Saviour, the Brightness of Thy glory and the Image of Thy Person; by His life and teaching; by His passion and Cross; by

His heavenly exaltation and the influence of His spirit:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee,

By the Church of Jesus Christ; by its holy ordinances, offices, and ministries; by its Sunday worship and teaching; by all its seasons of meditation and prayer, and by all the associations of the House of God:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

By the kindness and love Thou hast shown us from the beginning of our days until now; by the relations of home; by the love of little children; by the affection and fidelity of friends; by the trials and bereavements which chasten and hallow our earthly love; and by all the memories of our dead:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

By the conflict of our souls with temptation; by our falls and failures; by our shame and repentance; by every holy aspiration, striving, and victory:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

By all the experience and discipline of life; by health and sickness; by success and disappointment; by joy and sorrow; by all the chances and changes of our passing days:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

In all time of our wealth, and in all time of our tribulation; in every circumstance and in every place; in life and in death, O Most Merciful God, our Father and Redeemer:

Minister and People. Teach us, and lead us ever nearer to Thee.

AMEN.

II.

A Service of Aspiration.

Minister. O Thou who art the only Holy and Blessed, the First and the Last; unto Thee be thanksgiving and praise, from all kindreds and tongues on earth, and from angels and saints in heaven.

People. Help us, with one mind, to glorify Thee.

Minister. O God, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we bless Thee for Thy goodness to us and to all men.

People. Fill our hearts with Thy praise.

Minister. O Thou who in Thy dear Son dost reveal a boundless love towards us, and dost seek to make us glad with a real and Divine Presence, we praise Thee for Thine unspeakable gift, and pray for grace to live in this redeemed world as Thy redeemed children.

People. Let Thy mercy be our salvation.

Minister. Most Merciful God, our Father, towards whose eternal blessedness we ascend by the strong desire of the soul, and by patient continuance in well-doing; move and guide us to seek our true life with Thee and to strive earnestly to be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

People. Send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead us.

Minister. O Thou who dost assign unto Thy servants

their place, and givest unto all their tasks, help us to serve Thee in all things with a devotion which shall show forth our gratitude and love.

People. Help us, good Lord.

Minister. Set us free from the bondage of self-will, and passion, and ungodly desires, that sin may not have dominion over us, but that with a willing mind we may fulfil Thy will all the days of our life.

People. Renew us in the spirit of our minds.

Minister. From inordinate cares and needless anxieties, from complaints against Thee, and from rebellion against Thy holy will:

People. Deliver us, O Lord.

Minister. From an angry and impatient temper, from an uncharitable judgment and readiness to believe evil:

People. Deliver us, O Lord.

Minister. Give us a wise and understanding heart; a fervent and faithful spirit; a love of holy things, and a longing for whatsoever is true and good and lovely.

People. Fix our hearts on Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Lord of life and death, in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, ever may we be earnest to do, and strong to bear Thy will, and let all our tribulation in this world be that which worketh patience and hope.

People. Help us, O Lord, to live and walk in Thy Spirit.

Minister. O Thou Helper of our souls, Thou hast richly blessed us hitherto: still hold us in the hollow of Thy Hand; still fill us with Thy Spirit; still train us for Thy will; still pity and save us to the uttermost; and in Thine own good time, our labours ended here, may we find in Thy great mercy the eternal peace, and dwell in the light of Thy nearer presence for ever. AMEN.

III.

A Service of Confession.

Minister. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him; neither have we obeyed His voice to walk in the laws which He hath set before us.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Spirit of Purity and Grace, whose salvation is never very far from the contrite heart, listen to our confessions of sin, and have mercy upon us.

For all the evil past of our lives; for our many refusals of Thy call; for our indolence, vanity, and unfaithfulness:

People. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Minister. For the sins of care and passion which have estranged our hearts from goodness and dimmed our vision of heavenly things:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the sins and faults of youth which led us early astray from Thy ways and brought upon us many troubles and sorrows:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For all our hardness of heart and impenitence of spirit; for our pride, self-sufficiency, and wilful iniquity:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For all our forgotten vows; for the better purposes which we have suffered to grow weak; for the good resolutions we have not kept; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the sorrows that have brought no repentance; for all the wholesome teachings of life which have failed to turn our feet into the true and living way:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the secret faults and presumptuous sins which have remained in our lives unrebuked and tolerated, and for all our omissions to deal truly with ourselves:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the words of unjust anger and bitterness which have escaped our lips; for the strifes and

separations which we have inflamed and aided, and for all our sinful neglect to produce peace and good-will among men:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For our fretful sufferance of wrong; for the vindictive passions we have cherished; for our intolerance, injustice, and uncharitableness; for our readiness to blame and our want of thoughtfulness, patience, kindness, and sympathy in our social relations:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For all the goodness of life which we have received thanklessly; for the strength which we have wasted; for the gifts we have not cultivated; for the opportunities which we have neglected; for all the beauty of this fair world and the love of human hearts which have passed before us and which in our thoughtlessness and care and passion we have not appreciated:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the unworthy doubts of Thee which have clouded our path; for the times when we have forgotten our duties and lost our faith; for the hours when we have yielded to temptation and plucked of the fruit of the forbidden tree:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For our selfish comfort amid the wrongs, oppressions, and sorrows of life; for our undue and exclusive regard to our own interests; for our lack of brotherhood and neglect of the service of humanity:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For the counsels of Thy Word which have spoken to us vainly; for the grace and truth of Thy beloved Son which we have slighted; for the pleadings of Thy Spirit to which we have not hearkened; for the example and speech of the true and good which have failed to make us worthier children of Thine; for all the monitions of time and the hereafter which have not made us more serious, earnest, gentle, pure, and rich in faith and charity:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. For all our sins remembered and forgotten, for the sins we are conscious of, and the sins we are not conscious of because of our sinfulness:

People. Have mercy upon us, O God.

Minister. O God, whose nature and property it is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble confessions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever AMEN.

IV.

A Service of Thanksgiving.

Minister. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto the name of the Most High. Offer unto Him the sacrifices of thanksgiving and utter the memory of His great goodness.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we call to remembrance Thy lovingkindness and Thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and with grateful hearts we would lift up to Thee the voice of our thanksgiving.

For all the gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us and our race; for the life Thou hast given us, and the world in which we live:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For all the comforts and gladness of life; for our homes and all our home-blessings; for our friends and all the pure pleasures of social intercourse; for the love, sympathy, and goodwill of men:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For all the blessings of civilization, wise government and legislation; for education, and all the privileges we enjoy through literature, science, and art; for the help and counsel of those who are wiser and better than ourselves:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For all true knowledge of Thee and the world in which we live, and the life of truth and righteousness and Divine communion to which thou hast called us; for Prophets and Apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth; for all lovers and helpers of mankind, and all godly and gifted men and women:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and all the helps and hopes which are ours as His disciples; for the presence and inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and for all the ministries of Thy truth and grace:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For communion with Thee, the Father of our spirits; for the light and peace that are gained through trust and obedience, and the darkness and disquietude which befall us when we disobey Thy laws and follow our lower desires and selfish passions:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the desire and power to help others; for every opportunity of serving our generation according to Thy will, and manifesting the grace of Christ to men:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience, self-knowledge and self-conquest, and brought into closer sympathy with our suffering brethren; for troubles which have lifted us nearer Thee and drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the sacred and tender ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and fills the saddest and the last moments of life with the light of an immortal hope:

People. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. God of all grace and love, we have praised Thee with our lips: grant that we may also praise Thee in consecrated and faithful lives. And may the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer, through the spirit of Him who taught us to say:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

V.

A Prayer for Help.

Minister. To whom shall we flee for help? Our help is in the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

Most Holy and Most Merciful God, the Strength of the weak, the Rest of the weary, the Comfort of the sorrowful, the Saviour of the sinful, and the Refuge of Thy children in every time of need, hear us while we pray for Thy help in all the circumstances and experiences of our life :—

When our hearts are growing cold and dead, and we are losing our vision of Thy face, and living as if life had no spiritual reality :

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When the evil memories of the past trouble us, and we mourn over early dreams and hopes unrealized, over light within us turned to darkness, and strength to weakness :

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When we are tempted to mean and wicked ways, and sin puts on the allurements which make it less sinful in our sight :

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When we are called to difficult duty, to work in loneliness among men, and to bear burdens that are hard to be borne :

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When we are weary of our work and think it fruitless, and duty is painful because it seems unprofitable:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When the unknown future troubles us, and amid our fears and anxieties we forget the Eternal Love and Care:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. When the last darkness closes about our life, and heart and flesh faint and fail, and vain is the help of man:

People. Help us, O God.

Minister. O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all trials: we ask it in the faith and spirit of Him who taught us to say:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

VI.

A Prayer for Deliverance.

Minister. Thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us.

Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we Thy frail and sinful children bow before Thee, confessing our weakness and failure, and our need of a Strength which we do not find in ourselves. We do not ask to be protected from Thee; we come to Thee for protection and deliverance.

From despising the counsels of wisdom and truth; from neglect of Thy law, and contempt of Thy grace; from thinking and doing what is contrary to the mind of Christ, and from grieving and quenching Thy Spirit:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From sensual and selfish thoughts and desires; from foolish and wicked speech and conduct; from slavery to appetite and passion; from all unseemliness and seductions to evil; from the corruption of youth, and from tempting any one to follow unhallowed ways:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From all inordinate cares and ambitions;

from maxims of cunning and greed; from the godless pursuit of pleasure and gain; from wronging the poor, and from envying and flattering the rich; from keeping back the price of labour, and from rendering eye-service:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From pride, presumption, and arrogance; from the scornful spirit, and from all irreverence; from failing to give honour to whom honour is due; from vanity, small-mindedness, and undue self-assertion, and from despising and condemning others:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From ignorance, error and prejudice; from calling evil good, and good evil; from putting darkness for light, and light for darkness; from the shame of answering a matter before we hear it, and of neglecting to judge for ourselves what is right; from unholy indifference, selfish compromise, and zeal that is not according to knowledge:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From unrighteous anger and a quarrelsome spirit; from unjust and uncharitable judgment, and readiness to believe evil; from clamour and back-biting, and all evil-speaking; from returning evil for evil, and from all remembrance of injuries; from unlovely manners and ways, and from all blindness and hardness of heart:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From indolence, and from neglecting to make the most of the power and opportunity which Thou hast given us; from want of diligence and fidelity in our callings, and from all unfruitfulness of life:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. From an ungrateful and fretful spirit; from doubt of the goodness of life; from fear of death and the hereafter, and from all distrust of the Eternal Love and Care:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in all the days of our earthly life, and in the hour of our final passion; in this world, and in the world to come:

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. O Lord, Merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, mercifully hear the prayers that we make before Thee; and grant that we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory. We offer these our intercessions in the faith and spirit of Him who taught His disciples to pray:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

VII.

A Service respecting our Duty.

Minister. Jesus said: Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father who is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God the same is My brother and sister.

Let us pray.

It is the will of God that we should endeavour to keep our bodies in health and strength, and our appetites and impulses under control, and everywhere and in all things to be temperate and pure.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. It is the will of God that we should train our minds, and be true in our thinking, and just in all our judging.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. It is the will of God that we should be honest, truthful, and upright in thought, word and deed.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. It is the will of God that we should be diligent and faithful in our several callings, doing our daily work in all simplicity, and integrity, and seeking and labouring only for the things which are just and good.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. It is the will of God that we should rule our spirits, bear with each other's infirmities, and as much as lieth in us live peaceably with all men.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. It is the will of God that we should live chiefly to be helpful to others, and not to seek only our own pleasure and gain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. It is the will of God that we should do what we can to take away the sin and sorrow of the world, and to overcome all evil with good.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do Thy will.

Minister. Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may, by Thee, be enabled to live according to Thy will, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:—

Minister and People. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

VIII.

A Prayer of Intercession.

Minister. I exhort, says the Apostle, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high places; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who willeth that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Father of mankind, who hast commanded us to make intercession for all men, hear us while we pray:—

That it may please Thee to bless the whole family of mankind from one end of the earth to the other; to destroy every form of tyranny and superstition; to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to remember for good all kings, princes, and rulers, and to bind all nations in unity, peace and concord:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to look in kindness upon our country; to preserve to us the blessings of an equal and impartial freedom; to bring in upon us the righteousness of the kingdom of God, and so to control us by Thy good Spirit, that we may use our liberties alone for Thy glory and the welfare and progress of mankind:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to bless our King and all the members of the Royal Family, to rule their hearts in Thy faith, fear, and love, that they may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and that their example may be a power for goodness in the life of this nation:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to grant and continue unto us a succession of legislators and rulers who have been taught the wisdom of the kingdom of Christ; and ever to strengthen and sustain with Thine own Almighty Hand those who strive to guide and govern men in Thy fear; that all our affairs may be so ordered that virtue may prosper with us and truth prevail:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to bless our Parliament in all its deliberations; to endow all its members with a right understanding, a pure purpose and sound speech that cannot be condemned, and to enable them to rise above all self-seeking and party zeal into the larger sentiments of public good and human brotherhood:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to purge our political life of every evil that would keep back the people from the highest measure of virtue and happiness; to subdue in this nation all unhallowed thirst for conquest and love of vainglory; and to inspire us with calmness and self-restraint, and the endeavour to get Thy will done everywhere upon the earth:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to prosper the *city* in which we live and all its institutions; to bless every effort made in our midst to remove the causes of ignorance and crime, to raise the general level of comfort, and to give a higher tone to public and private life:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to make to flourish all hospitals and homes of healing; to deepen within our breasts the spirit of liberal giving so that they may never lack support, nor fail of fulfilling their divine mission of overcoming disease in every form, and restoring health to all who suffer:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Minister and People. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be

done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

IX.

A Prayer of Intercession.

Minister. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath or disputing.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Father of all mankind, who hath commanded us to make intercession for all men, hear us while we pray:—

That it may please Thee to bless all classes of the people, and so to turn the hearts of men toward each other that the spirit of caste may be destroyed; that all unjust and needless inequalities may disappear; and that the fair brotherhood of men, which Thy Son came to establish, may exist among us of a truth:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to purge society from the love of luxury, from the pursuit of vanity and frivolity, from self-indulgence, and from vice; and to multiply the number of brave, earnest, self-sacrificing followers of Christ:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to purify and exalt the domestic life of the people, to deepen their sense of the worth and sacredness of home, so that the

families of our land may be scenes of noble discipline and the nurseries of true religion:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to regard with Thy favour the commerce of our country; so that men everywhere may be in their transactions upright and honourable, in their workmanship conscientious and thorough; and that dishonesty, and avarice, and selfishness may speedily cease:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to guide all those who study the laws of the land, that they may give wise and just advice to men in their dealings with one another; to give grace to those who humbly search out Thy works, and mark the wisdom in which Thou hast made them all; and to help all writers of books and newspapers, and all who mould the thoughts and opinions of men, that they may be lovers of that which is pure and good, and use all their powers in the cause of truth and righteousness:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to prosper all colleges and schools of sound learning; to enlighten and fill with Thy fear all who teach and train the young, and to endow with knowledge and skill all who practise the arts of healing:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to bless the *city* in which we live; may our first men be our wisest and

best; may knowledge, virtue, and religion grow in our midst; and may we all so cultivate the spirit of fairness and charity that our opinions may not bitterly divide us, nor our practices dishonour us, nor our conflicts leave us unkind:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That it may please Thee to pity and bless the poor and sick in our workhouses and hospitals; the afflicted in our asylums; the sufferers in their own homes; and to guide through death to a better life all who are appointed to die:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence, and who hast knit all Thy saints in one communion unto life eternal, make us thankful for all Thy grace and mercy bestowed on those whom Thou hast taken to Thyself. Keep alive in our hearts the remembrance of their goodness; and give us grace to cherish the hope that when the day breaks and the shadows flee away, we shall meet them again in Thy presence with exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

X.

A Prayer of Intercession.

Minister. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down; and not one of His creatures is forgotten before God.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who lovest all and forgettest none, we bring to Thee our supplications for all Thy creatures and all Thy children.

For all whom we love and for whom we watch and care:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, restored us with their sympathy and help, and whose charity has covered a multitude of our sins:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who have wished or done us ill, that Thou wouldst turn their hearts to penitence and ours to pity and blessing:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all dumb creatures; that men may be merciful to the beasts, and be touched with a feeling of their infirmities:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all prisoners and captives, and all women and children suffering from oppression, that Thou

wilt manifest Thy mercy towards them, and make the heart of man merciful as Thine own:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all on whom Thou hast laid the cross of suffering, the sick in body and the feeble in mind; for all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; and all who travel by land or by water:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who have been bereaved of relatives and friends, or are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are visited by worldly loss, that in the dark and cloudy day they may find the peace of God:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brethren, and know the secret and blessed fellowship of the Cross:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, that grace and peace may rest upon them:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that renunciation may bring strength, and sacrifice, joy; and that they may have Thy grace, who seest in secret, and come at last to an open reward:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life, over-shadowed with doubt, and concerned lest even in thought they should depart from Thee, that light may arise in their darkness:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For the careless, the scornful, the lovers of darkness rather than the light, that they may be delivered from the bonds of iniquity:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are tried by passionate temptations, or cold ambitions, or mean suggestions, that Thy mercy may be their salvation:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are sad because they cannot sorrow for sin as they fain would, that they may come to know the sweetness of Thy love, and the wideness of Thy mercy:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of others' joys, that they may know God as their Friend and Comforter:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For the infirm and aged, and all who are growing weary with the journey of life, and for all who are passing through the valley of death, that they may find comfort and strength in God, and light at evening time:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all forgotten by us, but dear to Thee, for the whole family in heaven and on earth.

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. O God our Father, have regard to our intercessions, answer them according to Thy will, and make us the channels of Thine infinite pity and helpfulness, worthy to pray as our Master taught His disciples, saying:

Minister and People. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

AN ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

AND OTHER ORDINANCES AND OFFICES OF THE CHURCH.

An Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

The Minister, standing at the Table, shall say one or more of the following sentences:

O TASTE and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

And the Spirit and the Church say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is My commandment, said Jesus, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. If, therefore, thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

If any man will come after Me, said Jesus, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it.

Whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father who is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God the same is my brother and sister.

Address by Minister to the People.

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with reverence, faith, and thanksgiving, and take the Supper of the Lord to your comfort.

Come to this sacred Table, not because you must, but because you may: come to testify not that you are

righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be His true disciples: come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on Heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of Heaven's mercy and help: come, not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

And now that the Supper of the Lord is spread before you, lift up your minds and hearts above all selfish fears and cares; let this bread and this wine be to you the witnesses and signs of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Before the Throne of the Heavenly Father and the Cross of the Redeemer make your humble confession of sin, consecrate your lives to the Christian obedience and service, and pray for strength to do and to bear the holy and blessed will of God.

Then shall this Confession be made by the Minister and the People.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings, the remembrance of which is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ we beseech Thee to forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may

hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honour and glory of Thy name. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister offer one or more of the following Prayers:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O God our Heavenly Father, who by Thy beloved Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all, even the way of filial trust and love and sacrifice, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that our fellowship at this time may be with Thee the Father, and with Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, AMEN.

O God, the True Light of faithful souls, the Help of those that flee unto Thee, the Hope of those who cry unto Thee, cleanse us from our sins and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with calm trust and perfect love, we may worship Thee as we seek at this time through these sacred symbols to remember and realize Thy love in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O God, our Father, who in Thy love to our race didst

send Thy Son into our world, to bring back the wandering sheep, turn not away Thy face from us, but cleanse us from our secret faults, and mercifully forgive our presumptuous sins, that we may receive these sacred symbols with a sincere mind and a humble heart, to the glory of Thy Name. AMEN.

We do not presume to come to this Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. Grant, therefore, that coming to Thee, in hunger and thirst after righteousness, we may eat of Thy living bread and be filled with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and evermore dwell in Him and He in us. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him:

Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall

find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things unto them that ask Him.

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

Hear also what St. Paul saith.

Through Christ Jesus we have access in one spirit unto the Father. For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of children, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

Hear also what St. John saith.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us.

After which the Minister shall say:

Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Minister say:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And all the people shall reply with him:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. AMEN.

The following Psalm may be read by the Minister and people alternately:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies:

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, full of compassion and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

(All standing.)

Minister. Jesus said, The first of all the commandments is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep these laws.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. In My Father's house are many mansions.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the faith of Christ.

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall save it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the love of Christ.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the peace of Christ.

If ye keep My commandments ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy may be in you.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and fill our hearts with the joy of Christ. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister read the following words:

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He brake it, and said, Take eat; this is My body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

In communion with Jesus Christ and with all His disciples and friends, let us offer our prayers together to the God of our salvation.

PRAYER.

(Here may be offered an extempore prayer, or one or more of the following prayers).

Most Holy and Most Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, led by Jesus Christ we draw near unto Thee. Beneath the shadow of His Cross, in the light of His

revelation, in the communion of His Spirit, in the fellowship of His Church, we would meditate and pray. Help us to yield ourselves to the influence of this hour of holy memories and immortal hopes. May our spirits be tender to Thy touch. May the appeal of Thy love enter our hearts. May the sanctities of our Christian faith be more real to us than the things that are seen and temporal.

We would remember Christ—remember that He has eaten with us the bread and drunk the cup of our life, that He had communion with us in our joy and sorrow, and tasted what it is for a man to die. We would remember the gracious beauty of His life, His obedience unto death, the charity of His Cross, and His victory over the world's sin and sorrow. We would remember all that we owe to Him—our greater nearness to Thee and to one another, our knowledge of Thy Fatherhood, and of our human brotherhood, our new and more abounding life, our deeper and more peaceful sense of immortality. Impress and quicken our hearts with the memory of our Master and Saviour, till we learn to feel it to be no task to serve Him, no hardship to follow Him in His obedience, and no burden to carry His Cross.

We confess with shame that we often forget our Lord. We forget Him in our fear and anxiety, in our distrust and doubt of Thee, our Heavenly Father. We forget Him in our indolence and weariness in Thy service, in our unforgivingness and uncharitableness of disposition, in our selfishness and worldliness. Forgive, O God, our forgetfulness. Help us so to enter into the spirit of this service that we may go out into the world better prepared

to remember Christ amid the care and strife and sorrow of our common days.

Holy Father, we praise Thee for all the gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us and our race through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank Thee for the word of Christ, and we pray that it may dwell in us richly in all wisdom.

Help us to think as He thought, to believe as He believed, and to trust as He trusted.

We thank Thee for the life of Christ, and we pray that our love and reverence for His perfection may ever be a strong defence against the power of evil. Day by day may we be casting off some weakness, and becoming more and more like the Saviour we worship.

We thank Thee for the death of Christ, and we pray for grace to learn the lessons of His cross, and to have fellowship with Him in His sufferings.

In the light of His sacrifice we would see and realize the sinfulness of our sin. In the light of His love we would forget all our guilty fears.

O God, eternal and invisible, we bless Thee that we have seen Thy glory in Jesus Christ. We believe that He came out from Thee, that no soul of all Thy children might cry in vain for the vision of Thy face. We believe that in His life and character He made Thee known. We believe that in His sympathy with men He revealed Thine infinite compassion for our sinful race. We believe

that on His Cross we behold Thy redeeming mercy and grace. We adore Thy love revealed in Jesus Christ. Redeem us into a life of love. Take away our sin with the sin of the world. Make us to partake in the triumph of Thy Son over the evil of life, and to be conquerers and more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

We thank Thee, O God, for life and immortality brought to light in the Gospel, and we pray for strength to follow Jesus now in the path of obedience and love, that we may thus be prepared to follow Him in faith and hope through the darkness of death to the world of everlasting light, whither He has led the way.

Holy Father, we pray that we may have communion with Thy beloved Son in the spirit of His holy living and dying. May we take to our duties as He took to His; bear our mortal burdens and the cross of our sacrifice, even as He bore His. May sin be to us what it was to Him; and may our pain and sorrow only draw us deeper into His fellowship. As we take this perishable bread and wine from His hands, may we receive at the same time the spiritual food by which our souls are nourished. Thus may the bread which we break be to us the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ.

Father of our spirits, God of love, we pray that in Christ and His Cross we may have communion with

Thee. In the face of Christ we behold Thy glory, and the Cross has revealed Thee to us. Thou hast redeemed us, and called us by name, and we are Thine. Make us perfect with Thy perfection; holy as Thou art holy; merciful as Thou art merciful; Thine in character as we are Thine in right.

O God, who art love, and who makest men to be of one mind, grant to us, Thy children, who eat of Thy heavenly bread, to bear one another's burden in the good-will of a perfect charity, and in service to one another's necessities, that Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, who hast called and redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Lord to be a royal and priestly race, grant us both the will and the power to do what Thou commandest; that we may have the strength of faith in our hearts and the courage of faith in our actions; that we may rule our passions, and moods, and circumstances; that we may ever offer unto Thee the sacrifice of a filial life, and through the might of our faith and love, become fellow-labourers with Jesus Christ in bringing men to God.

Heavenly Father, we bless Thee that Thou hast set us in the line of many good and faithful men. We remember all who from the beginning of the world have wrought righteousness and walked with Thee. We remember

prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all lowly people whose lives have been beautiful with the beauty of Christ. Thine was the spirit of knowledge in their minds, and Thine the spirit of love that dwelt in their hearts. We rejoice in the communion of Thy saints, more especially in those whom we ourselves have known and loved, the dear and holy dead who have made the unseen world a home for us. Let the cloud of witnesses be to us an example of godly life; and by faith, hope, and love, may we be united to them and to Thee now and evermore.

We remember in this sacred hour of communion the whole family of man; all our brethren everywhere. We remember with affection our friends, and with charity our enemies. We pray Thee to comfort the sad, to strengthen the weak, to refresh the weary, to protect the innocent, to reward the faithful, to save the lost, and to reconcile all hearts and lives to Thee.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend ourselves again to Thee. Give us some lowly place among the servants of Thy will. May we, and all who take Christ's name, be filled with His Spirit, and be enabled to follow Him in all purity and obedience, in all charity and loveliness of life, till we are changed into the same image from glory to glory. AMEN.

Here follows the Distribution of the Bread and the Wine. The Minister shall say when he delivereth the bread:

Let us eat of this bread in remembrance of Christ; and may the life which was in Him be in us also.

When he delivereth the cup:

Let us drink of this cup in remembrance of Christ; and may the spirit in which He died be our spirit.

After Silent Prayer, shall follow the Lord's Prayer said by Minister and people.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE OFFERING.

Minister. Let us do this in remembrance of Christ, for inasmuch as we do good to one of the least of His brethren we do it unto Him.

As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Therefore, as ye abound in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, see that ye abound in charity also. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

After the offering has been placed on the table the Minister shall say:

Blessed be thou, O Lord God, for ever and ever;

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine: Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all; both riches and honour come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give unto Thee. AMEN.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Defend us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more.

And keep us in everlasting fellowship with our brothers and sisters who have entered into the joy of their Lord; and with the whole Church triumphant: and let us rest together in Thy presence from our labours. AMEN.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and hear us as we humbly pray that the spirit of Thy Son may abide in our hearts continually, that following Him in these our days of temptation and strife, we, Thy children who have at this time, under the veil of earthly things, held communion with Him, may with unveiled faces behold Him as He is, and rejoice in His glory. AMEN.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

(All standing.)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty be among us and remain with us always. AMEN.

An Order for the Baptism and Dedication of Children.

This Service may be used after Morning or Evening Prayer, or at any convenient point in either, or by itself, at the home.

The Parents with the Child or Children to be baptized being present, and standing before the Minister, the Minister shall begin the Service by saying:

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord, and offspring is His reward.

The promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart,

and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.

And Jesus took a child, and set him in the midst of them; and, when He had taken him in His arms, He said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in My name receiveth Me; and whosoever shall receive Me, receiveth not Me, but Him that sent Me.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father who is in heaven. It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

And they brought young children to Him that He should touch them, and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But, when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took

them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ADDRESS.

The service in which we are now engaged is one of thanksgiving and testimony, of recognition, and dedication, and the appointed way of entrance into the church of Christ.

It is a service of thanksgiving for all the sweet and solemn hopes which cluster around the new-born.

It is a recognition of God as the Source of life; a confession of the secret sense that He has come very near to you in the new blessing, the new duty, and the new need of wisdom and strength.

It is a testimony to the fact that all children are the children of God, and that He claims them. When we engage in this service we declare that it is not by our own choice or act we become children of God, any more than it is by our own choice and act we become members of a human family. It is the Heavenly Father claiming His little ones. It is the Christ saying to-day as he said long ago: "Suffer little children to come unto Me; of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Baptism is also the ordinance of initiation into the visible Church of Christ; the receiving of the child into holy relations and influences, and in order to be brought up from the first as a Christian child.

This service is also one of dedication and consecration

—the dedication of the child to the will of God—the consecration of the parents to new and holier fidelities. It is therefore a most becoming and beautiful thing that those to whom God gives children, should express in such a service as this in which we are now engaged, their gratitude for so good a gift, their recognition of the Heavenly Fatherhood, their sense of responsibility, and their earnest desire for wisdom and strength to fulfil faithfully and well a duty which cannot be other than a labour of love. By your attendance upon this ordinance you gratefully recognize the fact that your little one has come to you from God, and you also confess your sacred obligation to train the child both by precept and example in the knowledge and love of God, and in the faith and spirit of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks, that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and to faith in Thee: increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give Thy holy Spirit to this infant, and grant that Thy servants who bring *him* now to Thee, may have wisdom and power so to teach and train *him* that *he* may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Having been informed of the name the Minister, naming the child, shall say:

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Or,

In the faith and fellowship of the Church of Christ, I dedicate thee to God, our Father in heaven. AMEN.

Then the Minister shall say:

This child is now received into the congregation of Christ's flock, in the good hope that hereafter *he* may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to fight bravely under His banner against sin, the world, and the flesh; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. AMEN.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, the Faithful Protector of all weak and lowly things, keep, guard, and bless this child evermore. As *he* has been baptized into the Christian Church, may *he* become one with Christ. Breathe upon *him* now and always Thy Holy Spirit. Create in *him* a clean heart. May *he* be a blessing to the home and the world into which *he* has been born; and as *he* grows in years may *he* also grow in strength and beauty, and, being led in the ways of Divine wisdom, be added to the number of Thy good and faithful servants, and be brought at last to Thy heavenly kingdom.

Endue Thy servants into whose care Thou hast committed this little one with a wise, loving, devout, and faithful spirit. Help them to consecrate to Thee day by day this gift of Thy love, and to make their home the scene of pure affections, holy discipline, and sincere religion.

Help all who are here present to live unto Thee

Give us grace daily to rejoice in Thy goodness with thanksgiving, and to follow Thy law faithfully. We commit our ways to Thee, and trust in Thee. Preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose words we now pray with one heart and voice:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

A Dedication Service,

OR,

Order for the Admission of Baptised Persons to Full Communion with the Church.

When those young persons who desire to make a public profession of Christian discipleship have met together, the Minister shall read the following sentences, or a part of them:—

Jesus said: Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your soul. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

I am the Good Shepherd; and I know Mine own and Mine own know Me. My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must lead, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

If ye love Me keep My commandments.

Whosoever shall do the will of My Father who is in heaven, the same is My brother and My sister. Ye are My friends if ye do the things which I command you.

The young people standing, the Minister shall say:

You are gathered here wishing to take upon yourselves

the obligations of Christ's disciples, to make a public stand for all that was implied in your baptism, and freely and openly to join the communion of the Church of Christ, I ask, therefore,

Is it your desire to live during the coming years of your life as the faithful children of God? Will you strive to be sincere, and pure, and upright in thought, word and deed; to hallow your lives by frequent meditation and prayer; to be loyal to the call of duty, and ready to help those among whom your lot is cast?

Then shall the young people respond:

Such is our desire and purpose.

Then shall the Minister say:

Is it your desire to be united with this Christian congregation in its communion of worship and work? And since you are compassed about by a cloud of witnesses on earth, and in heaven, and are set in the train of many of God's faithful servants who have witnessed a good confession, and have entered into their rest;—will you also seek to yield yourselves unto God, that the same spirit which was in Jesus Christ may be in you, and that you may be His disciples not in name only, but in deed and in truth?

Then shall the young people respond:

Such is our desire and purpose.

Then, all of them kneeling (or standing) before the Minister, he shall lay his hand upon the head of each one, or take each in turn by the right hand saying:

The Lord defend thee with His heavenly grace, and by His spirit confirm thee in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say to all of them:

In the name of Christ, I receive and welcome you into this congregation of His flock, and promise you our sympathy in your desire and endeavour to live according to the will of God. And may He who knoweth the thoughts and desires of every heart strengthen, stablish, and settle you in every good affection and purpose; make you ready to do and to bear His perfect will: and when this earthly life is finished number you with His saints in glory everlasting. AMEN.

Let us now together seek the help of God in prayer:

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, the Source of all strength and hope; we give Thee thanks for these Thy servants who have this day witnessed a good confession, and we most earnestly beseech Thee, without whom no good thing begun by us can be brought to perfection, to continually renew and strengthen their holy desire and purpose, that they may not be parted from Thee by any discouragements and temptations. May the flame of devotion, which has been already kindled in their hearts, be fed by Thee, that they may

daily grow in all goodness of life, and know the peace which the world can neither give nor take away. In all their coming days, grant them grace according to their needs; and whenever weariness or sorrow overtakes them may the remembrance of this sacred hour, with its earnest hopes and purposes, be to them an inspiration and a stay.

Finally, we pray that Thou wilt confirm us all in Thy truth and spirit, that we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and be helpers of each other's joy and victory over evil: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

Marriage Service.

The persons to be married and their friends being assembled, the Minister addresses the congregation.

We are met together in the presence of God, to join this man and this woman in marriage, according to the general custom of the Christian Church; to impress upon them the sacredness and significance of the marriage bond, and to seek on their behalf the blessing of Almighty God.

Therefore it is fit that we bear in mind that marriage is an institution ordained by God in the laws and necessities of our being, for the comfort and help of His children, and that families might be trained in goodness and godliness of life. It was honoured and sanctioned by Christ, both by His presence and His solemn words; and it is set forth and commended in the Christian Scriptures as innocent and honourable to all who enter it lawfully, seriously, and with true affection.

Therefore if any one can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together, let him now declare it, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

Then speaking to the persons about to be married, the man standing at the woman's right hand, the Minister shall say:

I require and charge you both, as in the sight of God, and remembering your responsibility to Him, that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in marriage, ye do now confess it.

If no impediment be alleged, the Minister offers prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, we bow before Thee, desiring to acknowledge Thee in all our ways. We thank Thee, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for all that is gracious and helpful in this earthly life. We thank Thee more especially at this time for the institution of marriage, which Thou hast ordained to guard, hallow, and perfect love. Be pleased to bless the persons who are now about to be joined in this relation. May this ceremony be the outward and visible sign of an inward and real union—a union of hearts in true affection and sympathy; and may it have the consecration of Thy presence and blessing: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then the Man must say in an audible voice:

"I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, *A. B.*, may not be lawfully joined in matrimony to *C. D.*"

In like manner, the Woman must say:

"I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, *C. D.*, may not be joined in matrimony to *A. B.*"

The Minister then asks the Man to take the Woman's right hand in his own, and to say after him:

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, *A. B.*, do take thee, *C. D.*, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I plight thee my troth."

In like manner the Woman must say:

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, *C. D.*, do take thee, *A. B.*, to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth."

(The following form may be used in Scotland.)

After Prayer the Minister shall say to the Man and Woman:

Join your hands.

And when their hands are joined he shall address the Man by name, saying:

You, *A. B.*, do now take *C. D.*, whose right hand you hold, to be your wedded wife. You promise in the presence of God, and before these witnesses, to be a loving and faithful husband unto her, until death shall separate you.

Do you so promise?

Then shall the Man answer:

I do.

Then shall the Minister address the Woman by name, saying:

You, *C. D.*, do now take *A. B.*, whose right hand you hold, to be your wedded husband. You promise in the presence of God, and before these witnesses, to be a loving and faithful wife unto him, until death shall separate you.

Do you so promise?

Then shall the Woman answer:

I do.

The Minister takes the ring from the Man, and handing it back to him says:

As a pledge of your fidelity and affection, and according to custom, you will place this ring on the fourth

finger of her left hand. By this token, the ancient and accepted symbol of conjugal love, you do declare yourselves wedded to one another, according to the Divine ordinance and the law of this land: and you now solemnly engage and pledge yourselves each to the other, to live together in this holy bond; taking each other, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do you part.

Whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

Forasmuch as *A. B.* and *C. D.* have solemnly pledged themselves to live together in marriage, I now pronounce them husband and wife, in the name of Almighty God.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. AMEN.

Then shall be said or sung one or both of the following Psalms, or such Anthem or Hymn as may be chosen by the persons concerned:

PSALM XXIII.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff shall comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of

them that trouble me; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM CXXVIII.

Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine, upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Here the Minister may read the following address, or give such words of exhortation as he shall consider convenient.

It will become you seriously to consider the engagement into which you have now entered. Men do not err in saying that marriage should be regarded as a sacrament. It will surely be a sacrament to you if you give to its sacred requirements a dutiful and glad obedience. It is only the love and patience and fidelity of all the years of its continuance, the common yearning and striving after things good and true and beautiful, that can make this relation truly sacred and rich in Divine blessing.

Marriage was not meant for happiness alone, but for the discipline and development of character, the continuance of family life, and the welfare of human society. Love, though natural and spontaneous in its origin, must not be regarded as a thing to be left to itself. Constant thought and care are indispensable to its higher perfection and beauty. Keep a strict watch over yourselves; exact not too much one from the other; study to control and subdue whatever tends in your respective tempers and dispositions to disturb your mutual love and peace, and to hinder your progress in the Christian life. Give to your love its full nobility; guard it against self-seeking; let it be to you not narrowing, but enlarging; not secluding you in a selfish paradise, but taking you always into truer, tenderer, larger sympathies and companionships with other souls and other lives.

You will have serious duties, but you will be able to fulfil them if you live near to the Source of all strength. You will have your share of trial and sorrow, but if you meet and bear it in the right spirit, it will yield you the blessing of fortitude, patience, self-control, wisdom, sympathy, thoughtfulness, and faith. In sorrow, as in joy, you will be in your Father's hands, learning obedience by the things which you suffer.

And if you make your home the place of the highest affection, the noblest discipline, the most consecrated joys, the most transfigured sorrows, the sincerest religion, then it will be to you a shelter from the storm and a shadow from the heat of life; and a foretaste of, and training for that higher and fairer world where joy is perfect and unceasing, and to which we can give no better name than Home.

Listen to the duties of husbands and wives as they are plainly set forth in the Sacred Scriptures:—Husbands, love your wives; dwell with them according to knowledge; giving honour unto the wife, as being heirs together of the grace of life. Live joyfully with thy wife whom thou lovest all the days of thy life.

Who can find a virtuous woman; her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust her; she will do him good, not evil, all the days of her life. Strength and honour are her clothing. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, who settest the solitary in families, and art the Author and Giver of all good things; let Thy blessing, we pray Thee, descend and rest upon this husband and wife. Bless their marriage, and make it to them the source of abundant and enduring good. Keep them faithful,—tender and true—so that they may live together in peace and good comfort. Direct and strengthen them in the discharge of all their duties. May they find in each other all that they hope—a joy that passeth not away. May their mutual affection never know change, doubt or decay. May they love Thee supremely, and abide in Thy love; so shall their love for each other endure, and they remain comforters and helpers one of another unto their lives' end. Preserve them amid the manifold dangers and

temptations of the world. Teach them to order their household wisely and well, and to regard all their possessions as Thy gifts—to be employed in Thy service. Thus may they pass blamelessly through life and serve their generation according to Thy will.

We commend to Thee their kindred and friends. Hallow the ties which bind them to each other, and so fill them with gentleness and forbearance that they may live together in peace and love.

In the blessed sympathies and disciplines of the home, may these Thy servants be trained for life here and hereafter; and when death shall part them, may they again meet and attain to everlasting felicity in Thy holy presence. And these and all our prayers we offer as disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose words we would further pray for ourselves and all mankind:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

BENEDICTION.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

An Order for the Visitation of the Sick.

The Minister may begin with saying:

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell in it.

Then the following passages may be read:

Behold, blessed is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty; for He maketh sore and bindeth up; He woundeth and His hands make whole.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with

me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

Deep calleth unto deep; all Thy waves and Thy billows have gone over me. Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His

song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, my Deliverer and my God.

As thy days so shall thy strength be. The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

I am continually with Thee. Thou hast holden my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterwards receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon the earth that I desire before Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

The Lord God hath given me the tongue of them that are taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light, let him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God.

Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added

unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us. We know that to them who love God all things work together for good.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Then shall the Minister offer the following prayer:

Almighty God, in whose hands are our times, and the souls of all Thy children; mercifully regard Thy servant, that *he* may endure patiently and with willing obedience the cross of suffering which has been laid upon *him*. Be near to *him* in the hour of *his* need. We ask for *him* Thy sustaining grace. Give *him* the assurance of Thine everlasting mercy, and open *his* heart to receive the com-

fort of Thy love. May Thy discipline work within *him* a truer and better life; may it purify *him* from all selfish and vain desires, and lead *him* to consecrate himself more fully to Thy holy and blessed will.

Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong, and from whom cometh all hope; we pray that Thy blessing may be upon the means which are being used for the restoration of Thy servant. Spare *him* that *he* may recover strength. But not our will but Thine be done. Be this the prayer of our hearts as well as of our lips. Shed abroad within *him* and us the peace of perfect submission. May *he* feel that living or dying *he* is the Lord's, and that neither life nor death can separate *him* from Thy love. Father of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us and with us, help *him* to walk by faith through the darkness and with a hope which is full of immortality.

Almighty Father, whose great mercy and love are over all, be near to all those who are dear to Thy servant. Help them to trust Thee in all things, and give them wisdom and sympathy to understand *his* sorrow and to minister to *him*. Help them to be brave and patient; and whether their blessings remain or depart, let their faith in Thee abide, and by all events, whether joyous or sorrowful, may they grow in goodness, and be trained for Thy will. AMEN.

Or,

Almighty God, Lord of life and death, in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, we turn to Thee. Lord we believe; help Thou our unbelief, and lift us above the shadows of earth into the light of Thy coun-

tenance, and the comfort of Thy presence. Hear us in our prayers for Thy servant whom Thou hast called to the fellowship of the Saviour's sufferings. May *he* find in *his* pain the blessing which all Thy gifts contain; and dispose *him* to discern the working of Thy hand, and the graciousness of Thy purpose. Let not this darkness hide Thee from *him;* but may *he* feel Thee to be near, and know Thee to be good. Fill *his* heart with Thy consolations; and give *him* grace to learn Thy solemn lessons, that when *he* is raised up from this bed of pain *he* may walk before Thee in newness of life. AMEN.

A Prayer when the Communion of the Lord's Supper is observed in the Sick Room.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chasten every one whom Thou dost receive; we beseech Thee to look down in pity and tender mercy on this Thy suffering servant. Visit *him* with Thy salvation; and help *him* now as *he* seeks to remember Thy beloved Son, who was also a man of sorrows and a sharer of our grief. Through the gracious thoughts and feelings which these sacred symbols awaken, may *he* come into more intimate communion with the Saviour's Spirit, and be made more willing and ready to pass through that door of suffering by which the Son of Man entered into His glory. Let *his* tribulation be that which worketh patience and hope, through the love of God which shall be shed abroad in *his* heart by the grace of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

A Prayer for a Child dangerously ill.

Most gracious God, as a father pitieth his children so do Thou pity this child lying sick and weak. *He* is Thine. Mercifully regard *him*, and lay no more upon *him* than *he* can bear. From Thee *his* spirit came, and to Thee it must return. But, O God, quench not yet the light of this home. Spare this precious life, and let the bitter cup pass. But Thy will be done. Let not our natural affections, which Thou hast given, be stronger than our faith. If Thou art about to take hence this little one who has come hither from Thee, may there be for *him* an easy translation, and tender care on the other side; and for Thy sorrowing servants may *he* not have been here in vain, but may the love which *he* has brought bind them closer to heaven and Thee. AMEN.

A Prayer for a Dying Person.

Almighty God, with whom are the issues of life and death, and with whom do live the spirits of the departed, let Thine everlasting arms be around Thy child as *he* goes down into the valley of the shadow of death. May *he* be near to Thee as Thou art near to *him*. Comfort and sustain *his* soul, and breathe into *his* heart the peace of Christ. Into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and merciful Father, we commend *his* spirit. May we believe that it is well with *him*, and that when *he* awakes on the other side *he* shall be still with Thee. AMEN.

A Thanksgiving for Recovery.

Almighty God, the Giver of every good gift; we thank Thee for the health that Thou hast restored to Thy servant. *He* was brought low and Thou didst help *him*. Thou hast been with *him* in sickness and in sorrow; be with *him* still in health and joy. May the life which is prolonged through Thy blessing be consecrated to Thee. We pray for ourselves. May we lay up Thy admonitions in our hearts. In the hour of returning gladness suffer us not to forget the days of darkness that are gone. Let us not be numbered among those who are forward to ask in time of trouble, but careless to show themselves thankful when mercy is bestowed. Be Thou, O God, loved and obeyed with all our strength, that living or dying we may be Thine. AMEN.

A Prayer after a Death in a Family.

Almighty God, Thou abidest though Thy children pass away, and Thou art ever near to uphold and bless. Hear now our prayer for Thy servants bowed down with grief. May they find strength and peace in Thee. Let this sorrow be unto them as Thy fatherly discipline. For all that hath been gracious and sweet and helpful in past days they would devoutly thank Thee; and in the hour of their darkness they would say, "Thy will be done." Visit them with Thy comfort, and be Thou Thyself the Companion of the lonely. Let them not be unmindful of the many good things which still remain to them to make life dear and sacred. May this visitation of death unite the hearts of those who are left in a closer bond of

love and sympathy; and give them strength to return to the duties of life with increased seriousness and with purer and more earnest purpose. And as Thou dost disappoint the earthly hope, wilt Thou grant unto Thy servants that better hope which is full of immortality; and may their love for the living and the dead be to them the promise of immortal life and joy. May they ever feel that the Eternal God is their refuge, and that underneath are the everlasting arms. AMEN.

Burial Service.

Passages to be read by the Minister in the House or Cemetery Chapel.

It is appointed unto men once to die. There is a time to be born and a time to die. One generation passeth away and another cometh. All flesh is grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the mercy of the Lord endureth for ever.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days what it is, that I may know how frail I am. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest

man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; so soon is it cut off, and we fly away. Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Affliction cometh not from the dust, nor trouble from the ground. Man's days are determined, and the number of his months are with Thee. Thou hast appointed him bounds which he cannot pass. Thou changest his countenance and sendest him away. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him.

Leave Thy fatherless children; I will preserve them alive: and let thy widows trust in Me.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are

eternal. For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To them that love God all things work together for good. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons. Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised thereby.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. For He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea, and for ever. We have not a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but One that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the

throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away.

At the burial of a child the following passages may be read:

A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded saith the Lord.

And the Lord struck the child, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw

that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead; therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child when it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

And when the child was grown, it fell on a day that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. So she went and came unto the man of God to Mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off,

that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunamite: run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom.

Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. For I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

After the reading is ended, the Minister may give a suitable address.

Then Prayer shall be offered, extempore, or read as follows:

Almighty and Everlasting God, the Lord of our life and death, we desire to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and in all the events which befall us. In sorrow of heart, yet in quietness and confidence, we have gathered for these last solemn and tender offices of faith and love. Lift us above the shadow and the sadness of mortality into the light of Thy countenance and the comfort of Thy presence. Speak to each of us Thy word of peace, as we stand now in the presence of

death. It is Thine own hour, and a fast of Thine own appointing. The loneliness and the silence Thou hast made. But Thou canst do Thy children no harm. In sorrow as in joy, in loss as in gain, in life as in death, we confess Thee to be good.

Eternal God, we remember the frailty, the uncertainty, the awful brevity of our life upon the earth. We are strangers and sojourners, as all our fathers were. We dwell here but for a little while. We plan and toil, we suffer and enjoy; and then heart and flesh faint and fail, and we pass away from the familiar places into darkness and silence.

O Lord our God, help us as we seek to raise our thoughts from this changeful life to the calm eternity in which Thou dwellest, and to those things which know no change, save from glory to glory. Our weakness appeals to Thy pity. Hold not Thy peace at our tears. Lead us to the Rock that is higher than we. Lift us out of our disappointed purposes and broken hopes into the peace of Thy holy and blessed will. Our spirits turn to Thee in humble trust. Amid the decay of visible things, draw nigh unto our fainting souls, O Thou invisible Comforter. As the changes of life leave us poorer and sadder, may we know more of the constancy of Thy love, and the unfailing riches of Thy sympathy.

Almighty Father, we bless Thee that life and immortality have been brought to light in the Gospel.

We know from Jesus that Thou hast ordained our life, with all its relationships and circumstances, as a discipline for our souls. We learn by living. Thou art

training us by labour, quickening us through trial, making us stronger and tenderer, humbler and holier, through suffering. Help us to cherish that spirit which makes all things, whether joyous or sad, to work together for our good. O Eternal Goodness, train us for Thy will; for it is Thy will to make us perfect.

We know from Jesus, and we bless Thee for the knowledge, that death is not the destruction but the expansion of our life; that it opens the way into new opportunities of service and worship, new disciplines and new joys; that it cannot take us out of our Father's hands, or separate us from the love of God. We are going whither we cannot see; but we do not leave our Father's House; we are the children of Eternal love, and underneath us are the Everlasting arms. O help us to realize the faith of Christ, and then we shall have the peace of Christ, and the bereavements that darken our homes will not break our trust.

Father of Spirits, we have joy at this time in all who have faithfully lived, and in all who have peacefully died. We thank Thee for all fair memories and all lovely hopes; for the sacred ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the dear and holy dead who encompass us like a cloud of witnesses, and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts. May we be followers of those who through faith and patience now inherit the promises.

Our Father, we acknowledge Thy great goodness in this finished life. Thy children thank Thee for the friend whom Thou hast now taken from their earthly

fellowship, and they rejoice in a hope which is full of immortality.

O Thou who art the Comforter of Thy children, Thou God of love and tenderness, we pray for those who mourn at this time. We need not tell their sorrow unto Thee. In the stillness of our hearts we ask for them Thy sustaining grace. Be Thou their stay in this sore trial; the Strength of the fainting heart and the Light of the darkened home. Open their eyes to see the Father's House on high, and may they feel assured that the departed has found a better life, and a more perfect rest in Thee.

Almighty God, may this visitation of death be Thy voice speaking to us, and may it minister to a truer and holier life in our souls. May our passing days be rich in those things which death cannot take from us; and do Thou strengthen us to live that life of faith and righteousness, of charity and peace, which makes the last earthly change but a step nearer to Thee, our Everlasting Refuge and Home. Hear us for Thy mercy's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Prayer at the Burial of a Child.

Most Holy and Most Merciful God, we gratefully confess Thy goodness in these passing days; in Thy giving and in Thy taking; when our homes are bright, and when the shadows gather and deepen. We thank Thee for the little children who make us glad in their living, and call forth the richest treasures of our hearts. Through their dying may we be comforted and taught

in heavenly things. In our loneliness make our remembrance of them sweet and helpful.

Almighty Father, whose goodness loved us into life and whose mercies never fail; Thine is the beauty of childhood, and Thine the light which shines in the face of age. Thy children bless Thy holy Name for the little one Thou hast taken to Thyself, and for the grace Thou didst give unto *him* by which *he* was enabled in a short time to fulfil a long time. We believe that it is well with the child.

Merciful Father, who dost chasten us for our good, we commend to Thee the sorrowing parents. Pity them as a father his children: comfort them as a mother her little ones. Touch their wounds with Thy hand of healing and help them to be still. May strength and consolation come to them, and all holy thoughts and lovely hopes. May the words of Thy Son which speak of Thy care for little children breathe peace into their troubled hearts. Let their hearts follow the heart's treasure, and be persuaded that the sweetness and beauty in which they rejoiced for a season are not lost, that the child Thou hast lifted out of their sight is still with Thee, safe in the Eternal Love and care, and that no evil can touch *him* now.

Almighty God, our Father: we would remember, that from Thee and to Thee are all the pure and beautiful souls who have walked with us on this earth in gentleness and love. We praise and bless Thee that we cannot take their departure for misery; because Christ lives, they live also. Comfort and strengthen us in the assur-

ance that what was bound up with our life, and made a dear part of our being, cannot be lost; that the ties which are broken here are still preserved in the love that made them ours; and that the powers we would have helped to train must still be unfolding in the same Care that inspired our striving and will not let it be in vain. And suffer us not to forget that by the mystery of death we are brought nearer to the Infinite Goodness, in which we must confide, and on whose bosom, with our beloved who have fallen asleep, we can rest, sure that the God whom fatherhood and motherhood, and all our tender human relations suggest, interpret, and reveal, will keep that which has been committed unto Him: through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we would now join with one heart and voice:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

At the Grave.

What man is he that liveth and shall not see death. Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, in whom our souls do rest in hope.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased God in His infinite wisdom and goodness to take unto Himself the soul of the departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the grave, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, in the sure and certain hope that the spirit is at rest in God, and that as *he* has borne the image of the earthly he now bears the image of the heavenly.

(When Cremation is adopted instead of Burial, the words "the elements" are to be used instead of "the grave," and "earth to earth" are to be omitted.)

The dust returns unto the earth as it was; the spirit has returned unto God who gave it, and over it death has no power; for all live unto God, and He is mindful of His own; He remembers His children.

After labour cometh rest; after struggle, peace; after life's fitful fever, this last sleep.

Beloved, hear ye now the words of one of the Lord's prophets in the olden time:

He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces, and the distress of His people will He take away from off all the earth.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee: in a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Here also what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto those who mourn:

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not

your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. In My Father's house are many mansions. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto Him. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish. My Father who hath given them unto Me is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of the Father's hand.

Hear also what St. Paul saith:

None of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

Prayer.

O God, our Heavenly Father, who art leading us through the changes of time to the rest and blessedness of eternity, be Thou near to us, as we leave this grave, to comfort and to uphold. Make us know and feel that Thy children are precious in Thy sight, and that they live evermore with Thee, and that Thy mercy endureth for ever. May the sweet and comfortable words of the Lord Jesus which speak of Thine eternal love dwell in us richly in all wisdom. Thankful for the life which Thou didst give us for a season, may we be trustful in Thee now that it has been taken away.

O God, give us of Thy strength that we may take up our lives more bravely, and seek to be more faithful in duty, and more loving and helpful to others, for the sake of those who are with us no longer here on earth. Send us back to the daily round of duties more eager to do Thy will, as though in the presence of death we had learned to know the deeper meaning of life. And when we too are called to leave this world of love and beauty, of joy and sorrow, may we be of ready heart to meet our forerunners who have passed within the veil. And to Thee, our Father, revealed in Jesus Christ, be glory for ever. AMEN.

Or,

Merciful and Eternal God, Strength of the weak, and Comfort of the sorrowful; graciously receive the prayers of those who sigh before Thee and cry unto Thee; that under their cross they may be cheered by Thy Spirit, and with the hope that Thou wilt change their pain and conflict into joy and peace. AMEN.

BENEDICTION.

A Service of Commemoration for the Faithful Departed.

The Minister shall commence the service by reading the following sentences, or part of them, all standing.

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His. He giveth wisdom to the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding. Every good gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights. Praise ye the Lord.

Wisdom is the breath of the power of God; a pure influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty; the brightness of the everlasting light; more beautiful than the sun, and above all the order of the stars; the image of God's goodness: in all ages entering into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God and prophets.

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. The memorial of virtue is immortal; because it is known with God and with men. When it is present, men take example of it; and when it is gone they desire it. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Who are these that are arrayed in white robes and whence came they? These are they who came out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

And we desire that each one of you may show the same diligence even unto the end; that ye be not sluggish, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

Let us now with quiet and grateful hearts remember before God, the wise, and the good, and the faithful who have passed away; the innumerable company of our kind gathered into the heavenly world for evermore. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to perish; but they are

in peace: mortal sadness is not in their life; their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the Most High. They live also in our hearts and the remembrance of them is dear and blessed.

Let us pray.

God over all, for ever blessed! help us to bring unto Thee hearts of gratitude, and to pray unto Thee a faithful prayer. In the midst of years which have been crowned with Thy goodness, we praise Thy mercy and Thy truth. We consider the generations of old, and our hearts say unto us,—Did ever any trust in God and were put to shame? O Thou God of our fathers, who hast made the old time sacred with the memory of Thy care; O Thou who hast watched over us from childhood, and never left us without a witness of Thyself; hither have we come to lift up to Thee the voice of praise. We thank Thee for good examples and brave testimonies; for the faith which wrought righteousness and obtained promises; for the witness of saintly souls; for ascended spirits with whom we once took sweet counsel together; for all those who being dead yet speak. Wise and holy men of old, martyrs and saints, fathers and children, and children's children, in the body and out of the body, Thou hast made us to be one family in Thee; and Thy care and love for Thy household cannot be told. In this hour of quiet thought and solemn joy may the meditation of our hearts and the answer of our lips be from Thee. AMEN.

HYMN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

PSALMS.

I.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, in every generation;

Before the hills were made and the world was: from age to age Thou art God.

Bring us not, Lord, very low: for Thou hast said, Come back again, ye sons of men.

A thousand years before Thine eyes are but as yesterday: and as a watch of the night which is come and gone.

The grass springeth up in the morning: at evening-tide it shrivels up and dies.

So we fail in Thine anger: and in Thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our sins in Thy sight, and our round of days in the light of Thy countenance.

Come back, O Lord, how long: and be entreated for Thy servants.

In the morning we shall be filled with Thy mercy; we shall rejoice and be in pleasure all our days.

We shall be glad according to the days of our humiliation, and the years in which we have seen evil.

Look, O Lord, upon Thy servants and on Thy work, and direct their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and the work of our hands, establish Thou it.

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God,

Be honour and glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

II.

O Lord, when we cry unto Thee from the deep, and wait for Thee as they that wait for the morning;

Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty: the sigh of the lowly Thou wilt not despise.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after Thee in these courts below; not long wilt Thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers Thou hast called to Thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all their children be.

Let the dead and living praise Thee, O God, above, below: let all the generations praise Thee:

Let the glorified company of the first-born, whose names are in the book of life:

Let angels in the height, praise Thee, who dwellest in the heavens:

Let Thy Church on earth praise Thee, the delight of whose wisdom is the children of men.

To the only Holy, the first and the last, be thanksgiving and praise:

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the voices of saints in heaven. AMEN.

III.

Let us call to remembrance the great and good through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory:

All those who were honoured in their generation, and were the glory of their times.

And there be some who have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been:

But their righteousness has not been forgotten, and the glory of their work cannot be blotted out:

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

Though the righteous be overtaken by death, they shall be at rest; their souls are in the hand of God:

Though they perish from the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,

Be glory in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

THE BEATITUDES.

(Said or sung. All standing.)

Blessed are the poor in	spirit: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are they that -	mourn: - - for they	shall be -	comforted.
Blessed are the - -	meek: for they shall in-	herit the -	earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after - - - -	righteousness: for they	shall be -	filled.
Blessed are the - -	merciful: for they shall ob-	tain - -	mercy.
Blessed are the pure in	heart: - for they -	shall see -	God.
Blessed are the - -	peacemakers: for they shall be called the -	children of	God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' - -	sake: for theirs is the	kingdom of	heaven.
Blessed are the dead who die in the - -	Lord: they rest from their labours and their -	works do follow them:	AMEN.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

A LITANY.

Minister. Almighty and Everlasting God, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead; Light of lights; Fountain of wisdom and goodness; who livest in all pure, and humble, and gracious souls:

For all who have witnessed a good confession for Thy glory, and the welfare of the world: patriarchs, prophets, and apostles; the wise of every land and age, and all teachers of mankind:

People. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Minister. For the martyrs of our holy faith; the faithful witnesses to Christ of whom the world was not worthy; and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death:

People. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Minister. For all who have laboured and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home; and for all who have sought to bless men by their charity and sacrifice in good works, and to lighten the dark places of the earth:

People. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Minister. For those who have been tender and true, and brave in all times and places; who in the world's common ways have lived upright and helpful lives; and for all who have been one with Thee in the communion of Christ's spirit and in the strength of His love:

People. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Minister. For the dear friends and kindred of our homes whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever:

People. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Minister. For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth; and the members of our household of faith who worship Thee now in heaven:

People. We praise Thee, O God and bless Thy name.

Minister. For the grace which was given to all these, and the trusts and hopes in which they lived and died:

People. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

Minister. That we may hold them in continual remembrance, and that the sanctity of their wisdom and goodness may rest upon our earthly days, and that we may prepare ourselves to follow them in their upward way:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That we may ever think of them as with Thee, and be sure that where they are, there we may be also:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. That we may have a hope beyond this world for all Thy children, even for wanderers who must be sought and brought home; that we may be comforted and sustained by the promise of a time when none shall be strangers and exiles from the kingdom and household of God:

People. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. In the communion of the Holy Spirit; with the faithful and the saintly in heaven; with the redeemed of all ages; with our beloved dead who dwell in Thy presence and peace; we who still fight and suffer on earth unite in ascribing thanksgiving, glory, honour, and power unto the Lord our God;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

ANTHEM OR HYMN.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast made unto us Way and Truth, Resurrection and Life; gathered in Thy presence and taught by Thy Spirit, may our hearts burn with a deeper love and a new desire to see the coming of Thy kingdom. May our eyes see the King in His beauty, and follow Him in His faithfulness: show unto us more clearly the way of His divine life, and guide and uphold us in His footsteps. We pray for all that love Thee; we pray that all may learn to love Thee, and that loving Thee they may learn to love one another. O God our Father, fashion our whole being into the likeness of Thy dear Son; and help

us with one heart and one voice to pray as He hath taught us:—

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN.

SERMON OR ADDRESS.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

The Dedication of a Church.

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Out of the multitude of Thy gifts we have raised this house to Thy name, that we may worship Thee in company, and learn to walk in Thy ways. Open Thou our lips, that our mouths may show forth Thy praise. Let Thy ministers be clothed with salvation, and all the people of Thy care rejoice in Thy Fatherly love. Pour upon us the spirit of grace and supplication; and, O Lord God, what prayer shall be made of any man, or of all Thy people—when every one shall know his own need and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this sanctuary—hear Thou from Thy dwelling-place, even from heaven, and when Thou hearest, forgive. AMEN.

To Thee O God, the Refuge and Home of Thy children in all generations, we dedicate this house; that in it, in days to come, Thy children may worship Thee and meditate on Thy goodness and truth; that in it they may learn to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent; that here, in the gladness and strength of the life that now is, and in the hope of the life that is to come, they may abound in love and helpfulness one toward another, and in trust and submission toward Thee, the Father of spirits and the Saviour of souls. AMEN.

Holy and ever blessed God, we ask for this house of prayer the consecration of Thy presence and spirit. Thou dost indeed fill and hallow every place; but our feeble souls too often cleave unto the dust, and are engrossed by the desires of sense and worldliness to the neglect of Thine all-pervading glory. In the deepest reverence for that glory, therefore, do we dedicate this house to Thy worship, and pray that through the influence of the services in which Thy children shall join here, every place, and day, and duty may be more and more felt by them to be sacred, and the wide earth none other but the house of God and the gate of heaven. AMEN.

Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, accept our offering of gratitude, and have regard unto the desires of our hearts. Here may Thy name be ever hallowed. Here may Jesus Christ, Thy Son, be ever reverently owned as Lord and Saviour. Here may the messages of His truth and grace, the glad tidings of Thy fatherly and redeeming love, ever be faithfully proclaimed and thankfully received. Here may the Holy Spirit plead with Thy children and not be grieved. Here may the memory of those who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear ever be cherished, and by the remembrance may they, though dead, yet speak. AMEN.

Father of all mankind, we pray that to this church all Thy children may ever be welcome. Hither may the little ones love to come, and young men and maidens, to be strengthened for the battle of life. Here may the strong

renew their strength, and win for their lives a noble consecration; and hither may age turn its footsteps to find the rest of God and light at eventide. Here may the poor and needy find friends. Here may the tempted find succour, the sorrowing find comfort, and the bereaved learn that over their belovéd, death has no more dominion. Here may they who fear be encouraged, and they who doubt have their better trusts and hopes confirmed. Here may the careless be awakened to a sense of their folly and guilt, and to timely repentance. Here may oppressed and striving souls be assured of the mercy that triumphs over sin, and receive help to go on their way rejoicing. AMEN.

Almighty God, Fountain of infinite wisdom, goodness, and charity; to the truth that maketh free, and to the fellowship of all humble and reverent seekers after Thee; to faith and hope, love and joy, and to the communion of all believing souls; to the upbuilding of character in all things true, and pure, and lovely, and of good report; to the work of righteousness which brings quietness, peace and assurance for ever; to the service of the love which never fails, but believeth all things and endureth all things; to the helpfulness which lifts human burdens by sharing them; to the following of Thy beloved Son, and to labour and sacrifice for the coming of Thy kingdom in our world,—we dedicate this church. Peace be within these walls! Peace to young and old who enter here! Bless minister and people. Establish, O Lord, the work of their hands, yea, the work of their hands, O God, the Father Almighty, establish Thou it.

And remember for good the Church universal, and all who break to it the bread of life. So grant that not alone the holy places where Thine honour dwelleth, but the whole earth may be full of Thy glory, aud that all Thy children here and everywhere may pray the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ:—Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church.

ALMIGHTY and Most Merciful God, gather us in the sanctuary of Thy Holy Presence, and fill our rejoicing with divine joy and with the peace that passeth understanding. In this house we still look to Thee for Thy faithful blessing, still trust in Thy continued mercy, and pray in the Name which is above every name, for light and peace.

We bless Thee for all pure and acceptable worship which has been offered up to Thee in this place, for every faithful word of Thy servants, and every sacrifice of consecrated hearts. We praise Thee for the sure witness of one generation to another, testifying of Thy goodness, and bearing the fruit of the Gospel in lives

renewed by grace. Make us to be partakers with those who have gone before in the great gift of the life immortal, and members of the Church of the first-born whose names are written in heaven.

For this church we invoke Thy consecrating presence to renew in it the love and following of Thy blessed Son. May those who here unite in worship continue to be fruitful in good works, and one with all on earth who desire to do Thy will, and one with the family in heaven. Coming up hither week by week to commune with Thee who art love, may their love increase both towards Thee and towards each other.

Almighty Father, Thou seest into our hearts and knowest by what strong and tender ties we are bound to many among the living and many among the dead, and what a peace it is to trust in Thy merciful and unfailing care, and what a joy to dwell on the immortality which Thy Son has brought to light in the Gospel: more and more may this light and this joy be shed abroad in our hearts.

Father of the spirits of all, we faint upon our lonely ways, and tremble in the hour of solitary trial. By the strength of Christian love and sympathy may we be knit together in faith and hope, a living part of the divine power that is working against evil and on the side of goodness, counting it our joy to be partakers in that eternal sacrifice by which the world is being redeemed from its sin and sorrow. We offer this our prayer in the name and as the disciples of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,—Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will

be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Commemoration.

ALMIGHTY God, the same yesterday and to-day and for ever, we meet in this house of many memories where those we loved and revered have worshipped, to pray that while one generation succeedeth to another, the earth, which remaineth for ever, may still be the abode of like goodness and piety, and that the God of the fathers may be the God of the children. We bless Thee for all in the past which builds us up in that which cannot pass away. Our fathers, where are they; and the prophets, do they live for ever? Surely the lips that once spoke to us are silent, and the hands that were raised to bless us are no more? We bless Thee that while those who have gone from us live unto Thee, that which in them was true and good has life in us also. We thank Thee for the heritage they have left us; for the truth and spirit to which they gave a welcome and a home, and for the pains with which they cheered the path of faith and duty, and made the crooked straight and the rough ways smooth. Lo, we have risen up in the room of our fathers, and we know that we must pass away like them; but whilst in the presence of their

hallowed memories, we entreat Thee for grace to meet our duties, to serve our generation according to Thy will, and always and everywhere to be faithful to Thy work. Yet lift up our hearts now from these precious and solemn thoughts and recollections. Carry us up where those we remember are gone; carry us into the Presence of the fulness of joy. Enlighten us with the same and ever brighter faith. Feed us with the same and ever dearer hopes. Comfort us with the same and ever holier consolations. Let to us, as to them, the angel band of Thy messengers gird us round, and encompass us with every heavenly thought of good, with growing and strengthening sense of duty, with ever widening and deepening charity, that thus we may make Thy earth our heaven, and our heaven our home with Thee. And this, and all our prayers, we would humbly offer in the faith and spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for whom in the church and in our hearts we would laud and magnify Thy Holy Name. AMEN.

The Ordination of a Minister.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Source of goodness, the Fountain of all light and life, we humbly beseech Thee to hear our prayer on behalf of Thy servant whose calling and ordination by Thee to the ministry of Thy Word we this day recognize and honour.

We thank Thee for the power with which Thou hast endowed him, for the learning Thou hast enabled him to

acquire, for the wisdom his experience of life has taught him, and for the knowledge of Thy name and will which he has received through communion with Thee and Jesus Christ Thy Son.

We thank Thee for the way in which Thou hast led him, and brought him to this hour. In early years Thy good Spirit didst move and call him to this work: he has been under Thy discipline and teaching, and in many ways both secret and open Thou hast been training him for Thy will and work.

Almighty Father, we pray that in the days to come he may be still taught and led by Thee. Endue him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of power and a sound mind. Make and keep him simple in character, pure in heart, clear in judgment, unselfish and earnest in purpose, and lowly in personal claim. Let the same mind be in him which was also in Christ Jesus. May he have in his work the spirit of his Master's compassion for men; the love that endureth all things, hopeth all things, and never faileth. Amid praise and blame, amid success and failure, may he be faithful to his high calling, faithful to Thee. May he never be overcome of evil. In his hours of darkness and depression may he ever realize that Thou art his refuge and strength, and that his sufficiency is of God. And when he is most conscious of his weakness and want, may he find rest and hope in the thought of the heavenly grace that triumphs over the frailties of Thy servants, and preserves unbroken the communion of saints.

Almighty God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant unto this our brother ever clearer and fuller

knowledge of the things which belong to the highest well-being of Thy children. That he may quicken and nourish in others the temper of faith, we pray Thee to increase his own faith. In these days of questioning and unrest, may the peace of God keep his heart and mind. Deep in the fellowship of Thy Son may he live, so that his words to this people may be ever full of reality and life. May he speak of the Eternal Love as one whose heart has been won by its sweet constraint. May he speak of the Grace of Jesus Christ, as one who has taken upon himself the sins and sorrows of his brethren, and is filling up that which is behind of the Saviour's sufferings. May he speak of the Holy Spirit as one who lives in the constant realization of His quickening, inspiring and revealing power. May he speak of sin as one to whom the decay of holy affection and aspiration is the only real evil. May he speak of the life that now is as one who sees and reads its meaning in the light of eternal laws. May he speak of the new spirit which has come unto the world through Jesus Christ our Lord, as one who is himself completely surrendered to the power that will draw all men to God. May he speak of the hope that is full of immortality, as one to whom the veil between the worlds has been taken away. We ask for him Thy might in his spirit that he may ever speak as one moved by the Holy Ghost, and boldly as he ought to speak, not as seeking to please men, but only Thee. May all thought of himself be lost in the thought that he is Thy servant. And in the midst of holy offices and sacred things, may Thy Spirit move him continually to guard and nourish the inner life. Like his Master, may

he ever seek to sanctify himself, that others may be sanctified through the truth. And may this people feel that his ministry is a good gift from Thee. May it strengthen them for the duties and trials of life, and lift them nearer the light of Thy face.

Almighty God, in whose sympathy with us is our only hope, into Thy hands we commend Thy servant. In all time of his wealth and in all time of his tribulation be Thou his stay and the Rock of his strength. So direct and sustain him that when his day's work is done, he may be able to look on his Master's face without fear and without shame. AMEN.

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR AND OTHER OCCASIONS.

Well to celebrate these religious and sacred days is to spend the flower of our time happily.

Richard Hooker.

Do not think it wasted time to submit yourself to any influence which may bring upon you any noble feeling. *John Ruskin.*

Prayers for Special Occasions.

ADVENT.

It is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

In the hope of the coming and manifestation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, we draw near to Thee, O God, at this time. May the Spirit that spake by the prophets and dwelt in Thy Son, take entire possession of us, that we may worship in great thankfulness and pray in great faith and in all charity. Amen.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility. Awaken us from our slumbers. Quicken us, O Thou who art the Eternal Life. Revive and deepen our faith in the spiritual realities. Kindle our affections and

restore us to hope. Our eyes wait for the glorious and blessed Dawn. Let us behold that Dayspring from on high that we may live in peace, and depart in peace. AMEN.

Almighty God, who in Thy Providence hast made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of Thy Son; we beseech Thee to make ready our hearts for the brightness of Thy glory, and the fulness of Thy blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, by whose gracious Providence Thy servant John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way of Christ; make us to follow his teaching that we may truly repent of our sins; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke wrong-doing, and patiently suffer for conscience' sake. AMEN.

Almighty and Eternal God, whose light doth shine in mortal darkness, reveal unto us Thy presence in our souls, and Thy judgment of all our actions, and thoughts, and words. Manifest Thyself to us in the movements of this present time. Open our eyes to see Thy glory all around us. Thou art ever coming to Thy children, coming in manifold ways; by cherishing a serious and reverent spirit may we prepare ourselves to meet our God. AMEN.

CHRISTMAS.

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord alway; again I say, Rejoice.

Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth, and break

forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

Almighty God, whom once the nations worshipped under names of fear, but who hast revealed the glory of Thy love in the face of Jesus Christ, and called us by Him to live with Thee as children; fill our hearts, as we remember His nativity, with the gladness of this great redemption. We would join in the heavenly song of Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and goodwill toward men. Breathe into our hearts the spirit of Jesus that we may be led to Thee in trust and obedience, and be sent out to live among men in brotherly love and sympathy. Every year, as this joyful festival comes round, may it find the world more and more in harmony with Thy will which has been made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, who by the birth of Thy Son hast given us a great Light to dawn upon our darkness; grant, we pray Thee, that in His light we may see light. Let the light of Christ search our souls and scatter our darkness, separating between good and evil, hastening the decay of what is evil and quickening all that is good. Let it shine more and more throughout the world unto the perfect day; and give us grace while we have the light to walk in the light, that we may be the children of light. AMEN.

Almighty God, bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, such love and charity as were His, to whom it was more blessed to give than to receive, and who came not to be

ministered unto but to minister. May the same mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, while we keep the festival of His Divine humility, consecrating ourselves to the service of all who are in need. AMEN.

Holy Father, the Giver of every good and perfect gift; we thank Thee for the sweet human significance of the festival which we are now celebrating. In Jesus Christ Thou hast unveiled to the world the glory of our nature and life, and blessed the families of the earth. We thank Thee for home and childhood, and for all our dear human fellowships and friendships. Forgive our enemies, if we have any, and help us to forgive them. Take from us all narrow and bitter thoughts and feelings; our vanity and pride, and all dislike, doubt and jealousy of others, that this day we may enter the kingdom as little children. Soften and fill our hearts with love and gratitude, with tenderness and peace. Consecrate our joy; help us to serve Thee with mirth, and whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all to Thy glory. AMEN.

Our Heavenly Father, whose Holy Child Jesus is born unto us, grant, we entreat Thee, that in memory of His holy infancy, and of the love Thou bearest to Thy little ones, all children may be sacred in our eyes. Make us heedful not to offend Thy little ones; help parents with much patience to correct their children in love; make our infants holy innocents, and teach us ourselves to become as little children. AMEN.

Almighty God, we remember in this hour the friends who have been with us on former days, but who have now gone from our earthly fellowship. We would keep

our love for them unwasted and unchanged till we meet them again in a fairer world. May we who remain draw nearer to each other in all helpful sympathy and service while for us the light shines and the darkness lingers; and this we ask as disciples of Jesus Christ Thy Son. AMEN.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Unto Thee, do we lift up our souls. Thy mercy endureth for ever, and Thy compassions fail not.

Almighty Father, as we keep holy time under the deepening shadows of the closing year; we thank Thee for all that it hath brought to us of mercy and truth. Receive our sorrow for our sins, and in Thine infinite mercy blot them out of the book of Thy remembrance. Let not the experiences of our past days be lost upon us. Fix in our minds every lesson of faith and duty which Thou hast been teaching us. Take from our hearts every veil that would hide from us the shining of the heavenly light. Grant unto us, before the record of this year has been finished and sealed, a fresh consecration, a very honest and deep desire to live according to Thy will, as it has been made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE NEW YEAR.

And He that sitteth upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new! Cast away from you all your transgressions wherein ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit.

Almighty God, the unfailing Source of light and mercy who hast brought us to the beginning of this year, and art sparing us to love Thee and to keep Thy commandments; prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the coming days. Let Thy grace enlighten our darkness, and strengthen our weakness. Help us to forget the sins and sorrows of the past, cherishing only the wisdom and the humility they may have taught us. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes. Deepen within our hearts the love of truth and goodness. Renew in us the life of that which alone makes life worth living. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Suffer us not to be unfaithful to Thee. Thou hast richly blessed us hitherto: still lead us by Thy hand: still admonish and guide us by Thy Spirit; and leave us not to ourselves, thou Good Shepherd of the Sheep. Let not our sin take from us the thought that we are Thine. Let not the sorrow and weariness of life nor the darkness and mystery of the world rob us of our faith in Thee. Whatever light may shine or shadow fall, keep us in the fellowship of those who trust and obey Thee, and in the love and service of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

LENT.

Acquaint now thyself with God, and be at peace. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart and be still, offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. Behold, they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

Almighty God, who givest us our quiet seasons of thought and prayer, help us now and at all times to find in Thee our true peace. Save us in the hour of trial, deliver us from evil thoughts and desires, and from the tyranny of outward things. May we learn of Christ to be strong and brave in the struggle with temptation, and to overcome even as He overcame. AMEN.

Almighty God, in this time of retirement and self-recollection, consecrated by the example of Thy Son, enable us to perform our religious duties with all the sincerity and reverence of which we are capable. Take away from us all vain and false show, and pour into our hearts the grace of penitence, and prayer, and lowliness. Bless all those whom we have wronged, or defrauded, scorned or slighted. Help us to restore to them four-fold for every injury, and henceforth to walk with them in uprightness and true charity. Uphold us in the path of integrity and love, that we may be followers of Him who came to bear witness unto the truth, and through whose poverty we have been made rich. AMEN.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent, create in us new hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our low estate, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, the

assurance of Thy forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, mercifully grant unto us such a sense of sin that we may receive cleansing, and such cleansing that we may be made pure in heart and life. AMEN.

God of pity! who willest naught but good, leave us not to act in our own will; but over-rule us to act at all times according to Thy will, which is always good. Suffer us not to be led astray by the vain and foolish customs of the world, nor seduced from our duty by the example of evil men. Help us in every place to see Thee, in every temptation to flee to Thee for deliverance, and in all our work to seek Thy favour, which is life. AMEN.

Be Thou, O God, our protection who art our redemption. Cover Thou our head in the day of battle, and be our defence against every temptation, that, being clad in the whole armour of God, and helped by Thee in all time of our tribulation, we may enter into the joy of them who love Thee with the whole heart and mind, soul and strength: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Holy Week.

Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow. Can ye not watch with Him one hour?

God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Know ye not, that all we who were baptised into Christ were baptised into His death? He suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in His steps.

Palm Sunday.

Almighty God, who knowest the weaknesses which we are slow to confess even to ourselves, take from us, we beseech Thee, the faithless mind that would shrink from the way by which Thou leadest, and draw back from the harder paths of a dutiful life. As disciples of the Man of Sorrows, may we steadfastly set our face to go to our Jerusalem, prepared to meet all the counsels of Thy will, and to be obedient even unto death, seeking only for strength to glorify the cross Thou layest upon us. AMEN.

Almighty God, Fountain of Strength, send us Thy help. Help us to cast out of the temple of our hearts everything which in our moments of clear and solemn vision we know ought not to be there; every temper and passion and desire that cannot bear the searching scrutiny of Divine purity and love. O God, our peace, dwell in us more and more. Dwell in our minds as Truth, in our hearts as Charity, in our wills as Strength, and nevermore leave Thy temple. AMEN.

Monday.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who through all the days of His years on this earth didst labour without wearying and possess His soul in peace; give to us, Thy servants, of His constancy in service and His patience in pain; and grant that we may so follow Him now without fear, even to the judgment hall and the Cross, that hereafter we may be counted worthy to dwell with Him in the heavenly places. AMEN.

Tuesday.

O Thou, who by Thy gracious power, bringest light out of darkness, good out of evil, and life out of death, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the sorrows of repentance our souls may be purified; that pain may bring patience, and that by suffering with Christ we may be glorified with Him. AMEN.

Wednesday.

Source of Everlasting Grace, who hast not left us without Thy holy image in our humanity, fill us with the mind that was also in Christ Jesus, who thirsted only to do Thy will and finish Thy work, and declined no cup of sorrow from Thy hand. Fix our eye upon the shadow of the Cross which He has left upon every human path, and make us one with Him in patience, in pureness, in love, in trust, in divine forgiveness, in entire self-sacrifice. Dying with Him to earthly thraldom and mortal fears, may we rise with Him to heavenly life, and set our affections on things above. AMEN.

Thursday.

O Thou whose Son fulfilled in humiliation the obedience of His life, more and more may the filial spirit prevail in our hearts and lives that we may renounce every selfish claim, and look for no final peace without the Cross. Make us fearless to speak and content to do Thy holy will; ready to take the bitterest cup of duty that may not pass from us except we drink it. Pour the grace of Christ upon us, and make us strong by suffering. To-day and to-morrow may we follow in His footsteps till the sacrifice of ourselves be perfected and the work finished which Thou hast given us to do. AMEN.

Good Friday.

Almighty God, Father Everlasting! who hast set us in the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ, be near to us in this hour of solemn meditation. May our hearts be open to every holy affection, and ready to receive and cherish every sacred memory and serious impression. Give us to know the power of that death which this day commemorates. Let a portion of the spirit which led our Saviour to the Cross, descend upon us and fill our hearts with the love of God and man. Here and now may every selfish passion and desire be quiet, and may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our thoughts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Holy and Ever-Blessed God, who dost ask abundant labours and sacrifices from those whose lives are enriched by much love, we thank Thee especially at this time for sending Thy Beloved Son to live and die for us men

and our salvation; and while we meditate on His final conflict and passion may we be filled with His Spirit, so that we may be enabled to offer up ourselves entirely, even as He did, to Thy holy and perfect will. AMEN.

Almighty God, Eternal and Invisible, we adore Thy love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe that He came out from Thee that no soul of all Thy children might cry in vain for the light of Thy face. We believe that in His life and character He made Thee known. We believe that in His sympathy with men He revealed Thy compassion for our sorrow-stricken race. We believe that on His Cross we behold Thy redeeming mercy and grace. May the message of that Divine sacrifice conquer our fear and suspicion, and restore our souls to health and peace. Redeem us into a life of truth and purity and love. Take away our sins, and reconcile us to Thy holy and blessed will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O Spirit ever present! O Providence unsearchable! if in any hour we cry like the Crucified, "My God! my God! why hast Thou forsaken me?" may we return like Him to a composed faith and say, "Father! into Thy hands I commit my spirit." Teach us to live to Thee with perfect trust. May one only care be ours, to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do; to walk to-day and to-morrow, if perchance the third day we may be perfected. May we bear our cross as true disciples, and count all denial and pain and reproach as only gain, if we may but fill up that which is behind of the sufferings

of Jesus Christ, and share in the sacrifice by which Thou redeemest the world. AMEN.

Almighty God, who in the life and teaching of Thy Son hast showed unto us the true way of blessedness, Thou hast also showed us, in His sufferings and death, that the path of duty may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Give us grace to learn these harder lessons. May we take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship with Him in His sorrow that we may know the secret of His strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish, the shining of the eternal light. AMEN.

Lord of Life and Death, Father of the crucified Christ! in every sorrow which awaits us may we look up to Thee without doubt or fear, persuaded that Thy mercy is ever faithful and ever sure. In whom should we put our confidence but in Thee who canst not fail? There is no place or time where Thou art not. Uphold us in our weakness, and in our darkness visit us with Thy light. We are Thine: help us in life and in death to feel that we are Thine. And when our hour comes, may we follow our Divine Forerunner in His life's last act of renunciation, and say, "Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit." AMEN.

Easter Eve.

Father of our spirits! we bless Thee that in every passage of our mortal life, in the weakness of pain, in the solitude of sorrow, and in the ways of death, we may

ever look unto Jesus as the Leader of faithful souls who hath divinely borne our woes and passed to Thy rest. We cannot forget that He has eaten with us the bread and drunk the cup of our life, that in our human fellowship He passed down into the dark valley and tasted what it is for a man to die. We bless Thee now that He overcame pain with patience, sin with mercy, and with trust and love the sharpness of death. Give us to partake of the victory of the crucified Christ, and to lie down in the same glorious hope that the dead yet live in God, released from the pain and travail of this mortal existence. AMEN.

Almighty God, who didst give unto our Saviour Thy Spirit without measure in His life, and didst bestow upon Him Thy peace in death, mercifully grant that the like grace may be vouchsafed unto us, that, living a life subdued unto the simplicity and obedience of Christ, we may fall asleep in the sure and certain hope that when we awake we shall still be with Thee. AMEN.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptised into the death of Thy Blessed Son, so, by continual mortifying of our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection. AMEN.

Almighty God, by whose command the order of all time runs its course, we pray that we may bear away from our sacred meditations on the passion and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ a larger portion of His spirit. In the world may we seek no rest till we have fulfilled the will of Him who sent us. Reveal to us something of the

joy with which our Saviour now looks back on the days of His strong crying and tears, and teach us that it is far better to die in Thy service than to live a selfish and faithless life; grant this, O Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

EASTER.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed. Because He lives, we shall live also. After two days will the Lord revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

If, then, ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

O Lord Most High, who art not the God of the dead but of the living, we would unite this day in thankful joy in the remembrance of Christ's triumph over death. We bless Thee, that through Him Thou hast freed us from bondage to invisible terrors; and that out of this dust and out of these low mortal conditions Thou art striving to raise immortal souls into a Divine fellowship, and to establish them for ever in the heavenly dwelling places. Precious unto us is Thy redeeming love; precious is the light of this earthly life; precious Thy promises and our hopes touching a better life to come. Let the Spirit of Christ dwell abundantly in us, that in us also, as in Thy blessed ones on the eternal shore, may be fulfilled His great assurance: "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live,

and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." AMEN.

O Lord of Life, while we keep the festival of the Saviour's immortality, we would remember, that from Thee and to Thee are all the pure and beautiful souls who have walked with us on this earth in gentleness and love. We praise and bless Thee that we cannot take their departure for misery; because Christ lives, they live also. Comfort and strengthen us in the assurance that what was bound up with our life, and made a dear part of our being, cannot be lost; that the ties which are broken here are still preserved in the love that made them ours; and that the powers we would have helped to train must still be unfolding in the same care that inspired our striving and will not let it be in vain. And suffer us not to forget that by the mystery of death we are brought nearer to the Infinite Goodness, in which we must confide, and on whose bosom, with our beloved who have fallen asleep, we can rest, sure that the God whom fatherhood and motherhood, and all our tender human kindredships suggest, interpret, and reveal, will keep that which has been committed unto Him. AMEN.

Almighty and Everlasting God, by whose power Thy Son Jesus Christ overcame death; mercifully grant that we may purify ourselves even as He is pure; and, by continually mortifying our corrupt affections and seeking ever to do Thy holy will, may rise through death into a higher and diviner life. AMEN.

O God, who hast called us to be children of the Resurrection, mercifully grant that whensoever in the dimness of this present life our eyes are holden that we see Thee not, our hearts may alway be attentive and faithful to Thy Holy Will, and burn within us, as it is revealed unto us by Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Spirit of all grace and benediction, Father of Jesus Christ and our Father, Creator of these dying bodies, Life and Light of these undying souls; help us to rise above the earthly to the heavenly; with Christ dying unto sin, and living only unto Thee; and from the light of a true life here passing at length into that Presence where there is fulness of joy and peace for ever; grant this, O Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

EASTER SUNDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, who in our darkness can give us light, who in our weakness can give us strength, who in our trouble can give us peace, who in our loneliness and grief can give us the sympathy of perfect wisdom and perfect love, we lift up our hearts unto Thee in the confidence of children. In Thy goodness is the Light of life, and the Light which lighteth every man that is born into life. Strengthen us in the remembrance and assurance of Thy goodness. Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief.

We worship Thee as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who passed through all the sorrowful experiences of our earthly lot, that He might shed upon the

dark and solitary passages of our pilgrimage, and on the valley of the shadow of death, the light of the Divine and Eternal life. We rejoice in His finished work, and in His victory over the world. The sword and the spear and the sceptre lie broken before His Cross, and in His submission and humiliation we see the power of God and the wisdom of God.

We praise Thee, O God, for the light and hope, the consolation and peace which flow from that spiritual triumph which this day commemorates. We bless and thank Thee for the great persuasion in our hearts and minds that the Life which was in Jesus was the Life of God and could not die, and that the Spirit which was in Him, and by which He lived, rose victorious through its Divine power over all mortal decay and corruption. We bow our hearts before Thee in holy joy. In the Son of Man we see our humanity raised and glorified; through His filial life we realise our childhood to Thee; through His love we know how Thou dost love us, and art assured that we are not the offspring of chance or fate, but the children of Eternal Fatherhood. In Him Thou hast brought nigh to our earthly darkness the glory of the heavenly life: the veil of death is rent in twain; and we know Thee to be the Lord of all worlds, visible and invisible, and are persuaded that neither things present nor things to come can separate us from Thy love. We bless and thank Thee for the dear trust and hope that in Thee nothing that is human ever dies; that although the bodies of those we love are laid in the dust their spirits rise and return to Thee; and that in Thee the lives

which are lost to us on earth are ever preserved and ever renewed.

Heavenly Father, we pray, that amid the shadows and darkness of time we may ever find in Christ the Light of life. To Him may we ever turn for the illumination of all mysteries. And since by Thy Son we have been lifted out of a darkness deeper than that which fills the grave, let us not love evil rather than good, but may we seek with our whole hearts all holy and heavenly things. May the truth of Christ abide in us; His purity cover us; His Cross crucify us to the evil in the world; His Resurrection quicken our strength and renew our hope, and be a resurrection unto salvation in our hearts and lives. Spread abroad over the earth the knowledge of His Gospel, that He may rise again and return in the new and redeemed life of the world; and as His disciples, to Thee, His Father and our Father, we lift our praise, now and evermore. AMEN.

ASCENSION DAY.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that as Thy Beloved Son hath passed into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind seek to follow Him. Subdue unto Thyself our earthly appetites and passions, casting down every proud thought, and conforming our wills to Thine. Thus may we even now dwell with Christ in heavenly places, be glorified with the glory of His obedience and charity, and partake of His blessed immortality. AMEN.

WHITSUNDAY.

When He ascended on high, He gave gifts unto men. God hath not given unto us the spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sober mind. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

O God, who at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose name we ascribe unto Thee all honour and glory now and for ever. AMEN.

Almighty God, the Inspirer of prophets and apostles, and of every true and good thought and feeling in all men; we would join the Christian Church throughout the world in thanking Thee for the gift of Thy Spirit by which Thou hast enabled some in all ages to be the teachers and leaders of their brethren; and we pray Thee so to pour out the same Spirit on us that we may know and understand the deep things of God, and that love and goodness and all the fruits of righteousness may abound in our lives to Thy praise and glory. AMEN.

Fountain of truth and grace, who visitest the world with times of refreshment from Thy presence, and so dividest Thy word as to kindle the fire of all hearts; come with Thy various energy into our midst; whether as the rushing wind to cleanse and brace our souls, or as

the hovering dove to quicken our faith, and hope, and charity. Cease not the pleading of Thy Spirit, O Comforter Eternal; but when our love grows cold and our prayer is dumb, and we fall into the sleep of selfish care, break in once more upon the darkness and void; waken and win us to Thy heavenly light, to know Thee as the Life of our deepest life, the Voice of our inmost conscience, the strength of our surrendered will. Burn up with Thy purifying flame every root of bitterness and seed of sin; and let the nourishing dews descend which shall cover every barren place with the grace of sweet affections and the fruits of holy living. Still let the blessed promise be fulfilled: leave us not comfortless, abide with us for ever. AMEN.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is high as Heaven, what canst thou do? deeper than Sheol, what canst thou know? Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Almighty God, whom by searching we cannot find out unto perfection, we bless Thee for the manifold revelation of Thy glory by which we are led into all truth, nourished in all goodness, and made free to trust, love, and serve Thee. The order of nature, the life of the Son of Man, and the moral and spiritual being of Thy children bear witness of Thee, and their witness agree in one. Make us pure in heart that we may see Thee more and more in

the Creation of which we are a part; in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord, and in the movement of our own spirits. Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief. Save us from the pride of ignorance and the pride of knowledge, and from following the false lights of prejudice and opinion. We beseech Thee of Thy compassion to deliver us from all error of thought and life. Help us to confess our faith in the Father by living as dutiful children; our faith in the Son by arming ourselves with His mind, and our faith in the Holy Spirit by our quick obedience to the inward Light; we ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

Eternal God, our dwelling place in all generations; we would renew in this hour all fair and noble memories, all high and holy traditions of the days that are no more. Thou art the Source of all truth and beauty. Thine is the wisdom of the seer, and the saints' purity; Thine the light that shineth in the eyes of holy prophets; Thine the love that filleth every generous heart, and Thine the reverence and aspiration of every prayerful spirit. We bless Thee for all the true and righteous souls who have revealed Thee to men, and who in their generation witnessed a good confession for the welfare of the world, and whose memorial Thou hast set on high, and whose names Thou hast made to shine as the stars for ever. We bless Thee for all unknown and lowly people who were faithful in their day and place, strengthening the cause of truth and virtue, and whose forgotten labours have made the earth more beautiful for us who follow them. May these examples and memories stimulate us

to live a truer and braver life. Give us grace to live worthily, and to hold our inheritance as a sacred trust, that we may leave it with increase for those who shall come after. AMEN.

Almighty Father, the God not of the dead but of the living; we have joy together in all who have faithfully lived and peacefully died, and whose truth and beauty are even now in our hearts. May we be assured that they who are absent from us have found a more perfect rest in Thee, and the crown of an unfading life. No longer can we care for them; but Thou wilt care for them better than our love could do. By pastures green and by quiet waters, into higher life and service Thou wilt lead them, O Thou Eternal Lover of souls. Cherish and bless them, we pray Thee; and give unto us great peace and great hope as we think about them in this still hour. Take the veil from our hearts, and join us in one communion with all Thy saints on earth and in heaven. AMEN.

ALL SOULS' DAY.

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the word of the olden time which tells us that all souls are Thine. Yea, respond our souls, all souls are Thine. Thou art their Creator, Father, Guardian, Teacher, Redeemer, and their Everlasting Refuge and Home. From Thee they came; to Thee they return. All souls of every age and nation are Thine. The souls of the good and the bad are Thine. In the feebleness of infancy, and in the feebleness of age; in light and darkness; from the first

moment of conscious existence to the last moment of their sojourn in these houses of clay—all souls are Thine. In their searchings after Thee, and in their departures from Thee; in their wisdom, purity, obedience, and peace; in their folly, waywardness, rebellion and trouble —all souls are Thine. Thine whether they know Thee or know Thee not. Thine in whatever degree they have acknowledged Thy ownership, or refused to acknowledge it. Thine whether in the body or out of the body; Thine in this world and in all worlds. All souls are Thine: Thine to protect, to help, to lead, to teach, to rule, to redeem: Thine to make Thine in free and glad submission and obedience: Thine to confess Thy sway, to reflect Thine image, to do Thy will.

Everlasting Father, we commend our souls and the souls of all our brethren to Thy keeping. In Thy merciful and faithful care are the souls of the living and the dead; and all are safe with Thee, and safe for ever. Thou canst do Thy children no harm. Sustain and comfort with these holy trusts and hopes every doubting and every sorrowing heart. And take these souls of ours which Thou hast made for Thyself. We give Thee back Thine own. Help their weakness; enlighten their darkness; keep them in the knowledge and love of Thee; let them grow in Thy grace and in the beauty of holiness. Thine they are in right; make them Thine in character; Thine in life and in death; Thine now and Thine for ever. We ask it for Thy name's sake and the glory of Thy love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

In Spring.

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we thank Thee for this spring-time, in which Thou art renewing the face of the earth and quickening all things. When earth, and air, and sky are full of beauty, proclaiming blessing and praise, our hearts would not be thankless nor our mouths dumb. We bless Thee, the All-Good, whose mercy is boundless, whose grace is infinite. Thou who carest for the trees and the flowers! ever-living and never-failing Spirit! revive and renew our life, that we may bring forth the fruit of good works, as disciples of Him who came to quicken in human hearts the seed of eternal life. AMEN.

In Summer.

A Flower Service.

Eternal Goodness! who giveth loveliness to the earth and gladness to the heart, we worship Thee. We praise Thee for the wonderful life of summer; for the beauty spread upon the hills, and for the flowers that fill the valleys with sweetness. This morning, while the light and music and fragrance that fill the air call us to rejoice, grant that our minds and souls may be open to all heavenly influences. O Life that breathest in all the fair and sweet things which grow and bloom upon the earth, wilt Thou not quicken us? Spirit of beauty and goodness! come and dwell with us that henceforth our lives may be in accord with Thy order, and be well-pleasing in Thy sight. AMEN.

In Autumn.

The Harvest.

Blessed be Thou, Father of all mercy, who continuest to pour Thy benefits upon us. Age after age the living wait upon Thee, and find that of Thy faithfulness there is no end, and that Thy care is unfailing and unwearying. We praise Thee that the mystery by which we are compassed about is a mystery of Infinite Goodness. Thou hast preserved us through the fourfold year, and bestowed again the plenty of harvest. We would not witness and enjoy Thy bounty in vain. Build Thine altar in our hearts. Oh make Thy goodness health and strength unto us, that we may be dutiful and holy. AMEN.

In Winter.

Almighty God, who rulest the changing seasons, and fulfillest in all Thine own unchanging purpose; we bless Thee that beneath all that now in winter seems cold and dead, Thou art keeping safe the hidden germs of life, and preparing for the days when the earth shall again bud and blossom, and again bring forth her harvest. And still dost Thou oftimes clothe all things around us with the perfection of beauty, when Thou sendest forth Thy frost and snow, and fillest the brief day with sunshine, and makest the night glorious with countless stars. We thank Thee for the shelter and comfort of our homes, and pray for the kind and compassionate heart toward all whose lot is harder, and who in poverty or sickness shrink before the cold. AMEN.

O God, who shuttest up the earth in winter that Thou mayest afterward visit and bless it; teach us by this Thy course in nature to trust Thee in Thy dealings with ourselves. May we never be discouraged at the hiding of Thy face, nor cast away hope for want of inward brightness and comfort. Teach us that as nature needs the check of the frost and the buffeting of the storm, so do we require Thy discipline to chasten our pride, and seasons of trouble to deepen our life. And as in due time Thou renewest the face of the earth, so wilt Thou graciously carry on the work which Thou hast begun in Thy servants; return with Thy light and strength, and visit us with Thy salvation: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Collects

That may be used at the beginning or close of Public Worship.

Morning.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same by Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always what is righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Morning.

Eternal God, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day, there is no light but Thine, without or within. As Thou liftest the curtains of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with Thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labour and our prayer; and, though all else declines, let the noontide of Thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of Him who, with fewest hours, finished Thy divinest work. AMEN.

Evening.

O God, who faintest not, neither art weary, whose everlasting work is still fresh as Thy creative thought; we bless Thee for the pity of night and sleep, giving us the rest Thou never needest. We would lie down each evening in peace and thankfulness, and commit the folded hours to Thee. But, O Lord, through toil and repose, save us from any fatal slumber of the spirit; and keep us through life to the holy vigils of love and service, as they that watch for the morning of eternity. AMEN.

Evening.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts and minds may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sunday Morning.

O God, our Guardian by night, our Guide by day, Thou hast led us forth from darkness into the light of life, and it is Thy day. May it be a holy time, and passed in Thy nearer presence, and in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sunday Morning.

O Thou who bringest back the morning, causing the sun to rise on the evil and the good, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, that in Thy light we may see light; light upon every hidden unworthiness; light upon every doubt and fear; light upon every cross and care; light upon every worldly interest and every path of duty. Shine upon our ignorance as the light of knowledge; shine upon our perplexity as the light of faith; shine upon our sin as the light of purity; shine upon our sorrow as the light of joy; shine upon our broken hopes as the light of the immortal life. Quicken our minds and purify our hearts to receive the light of Thy truth and love. And when on the morrow we return to our daily life and labour, do Thou give us grace to be faithful to the light we have received in communion with Thee. AMEN.

Sunday Morning.

O God, who givest us not only the day for labour and the night for rest, but also the peace of this blessed day; grant, we beseech Thee, that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sunday Morning.

Most Holy and Most Gracious God, who turnest the shadow of night into morning, satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all the day. Lift the light of Thy countenance upon us; calm every troubled thought, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness, and help us to worship Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sunday Evening.

Almighty God, the Father of our spirits, meet with us at close of day, and grant unto us, Thy children, the peace which the world cannot give. May no unhallowed thoughts or cares disturb the quiet of this evening hour. Deliver us from all the vain things which have such power over us. May we learn wisdom, receive strength, gain hope, feel the influence of things unseen, and find rest in God. AMEN.

Sunday Evening.

Almighty God, not without Thee are we met together. May Thy Spirit move upon our hearts; for except Thy Spirit move upon our hearts we cannot worship Thee aright. Thou art near to us—nearer to us than any of Thy children—nearer to us than we dare to dream. May we be near to Thee in our sorrow and joy, in our remembrance and aspiration. May Thy heavens be opened above us, and may we know that we are compassed about by a great cloud of witnesses. May the presence of Christ our Saviour be real to us, and may the

voices of our holy dead be heard and felt in our hearts. May the word which shall be spoken to us in this hour be Thine own word—that word which doth not return unto Thee void—that we may go forth and serve Thee more faithfully, seeking always those things which are above, and those things which are helpful unto Thy children. And unto Thee the Ever-Blessed shall be everlasting praise. AMEN.

Sunday Evening.

Righteous and Merciful Father, we thank Thee for the sacred rest and opportunity of this day, and for all the good gifts of teaching and inspiration it may have brought us. Deepen every serious impression, and give us grace to be obedient to the heavenly vision. To Thee we commend ourselves. Grant that no darkness may hide from us the light of Thy truth and love. Keep us in safety under the shadow of Thy wing, and protect us evermore in life and death: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Guide us, O God, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by

Thy mercy obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, our Father, we beseech Thee to open those ways through which Thou dost draw near unto our souls; to quicken in us faith, and hope, and love, that our communion with Thee at this time may be in the Spirit of Thy Son, and our gathering within these walls be to Thy glory and our good. Open our eyes to see the eternal things, and our ears to hear the heavenly pleading in our hearts. Help us as we seek to review our days in the light of Thy countenance; to acknowledge Thine unfailing mercy and care; to confess our sins, and to pray for grace to live more faithful lives. Give us rest from vain desires, and put us in love with serious thought. May we feel Thee near through the help of Jesus Christ, and by our unceasing worship in His Spirit may we grow into a firm and effectual assurance of Thine infinite goodness. AMEN.

Assist us mercifully, O God, in our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the chances and changes of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, deliver us now from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thought and kindled desire we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty and Merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so sincerely worship Thee at this time, that the words of our lips and the meditation of our hearts may be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our Rock and our Redeemer. AMEN.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us in the fulness of Thy love and grace, which Thou hast made known to us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let Thy merciful ears, O God, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants: and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send us Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtue, without which who-

soever liveth is counted dead before Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, in whom there is no darkness, error, vanity, nor death; the Light, without which there is darkness; the Way, without which there is wandering; the Truth, without which there is error; the Life, without which there is death; say, Let there be light, and we shall see light, and eschew darkness; we shall see the way, and avoid wandering; we shall see the truth and shun error; we shall see life, and escape death. Quicken and illuminate our souls; lift our affections to things above and help us to make our obedience to Thee a service of perfect freedom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Lord, we pray, that Thy grace may always go before us and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive our prayers; and grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also have grace and power to fulfil the same, in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto Thy people that they may love the things which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. AMEN.

Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will. AMEN.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same. AMEN.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, and nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not those things which are eternal. AMEN.

Grant, O Lord, that we may carefully watch over our tempers and every unholy feeling; that, by conforming

to Thy will in small things, we may hope, by Thy protection and help, to pass safely through the great dangers and trials to which we may be exposed. AMEN.

Be present, O Lord, to our supplications: nor let Thy merciful clemency be far away from Thy servants. Heal our wounds, forgive our sins; that being separated from Thee by no iniquities, we may be able evermore to cleave to Thee our Lord. AMEN.

O God, the Comforter of the humble and the Strength of the faithful! be merciful to Thy suppliants; that our human weakness, which by itself is prone to fall, may be evermore supported by Thee to stand upright, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O God, who art peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who has taught us that peace-makers are Thy children! pour Thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be sweet to us for ever. AMEN.

Almighty Father, whose grace doth ever keep, and whose love can never fail us, we would commit ourselves and our ways unto Thee in humble prayer. May we be glad in the Lord, and in the beauty of holiness worship Thee. May we invite Thy mercies through our charities, and Thy great love through our pure and unselfish affections. Make us wise to know Thee, and faithful to obey Thee. AMEN.

Protect, O Lord, Thy suppliants; support their weakness and wash away their earthly stains; and, while they

walk amid the darkness of this mortal life, do Thou ever quicken them by Thy light. Deliver them in Thy mercy from all evils, and grant them to attain the height of good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and evermore serve Thee with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Thou hast beset us behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon us. Though Thou seemest afar off in our searchings after Thee, Thou art our stay and strength in all our needs.

Draw nigh to us, now, as we draw nigh to Thee, and in this quiet and sacred hour be Thou the hope and peace of our souls. Though no man hath seen Thee at any time, we have heard Thy voice in our soul, and the vision of Thy goodness hath been as a glory to our lives.

Thy way, hidden from us so often in our blinded anxieties, hath been revealed to us in every hour of penitence and trust. Thy wisdom, unknown of us, so often in our worldly and fevered moments, hath been opened to us in every time of purity and love.

Thy goodness is upon us and with us in all our ways. In all the strife and passion of our lives, Thou hast been with us; and, amid all our cares and troubles, we may ever hear a voice which speaks to us of Thee.

Thou who art the God of our Fathers, the Ancient of days, the Refuge of Thy children in all ages, be mindful of us now, and let the light of Thy countenance fall upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sacred Scriptures.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all sacred Scriptures to be written for our learning; we thank Thee for the signs of Thy providence and inspiration in many lands; and we desire of Thee the gifts of insight and wisdom, of patience and charity, so to read the letter of things written in olden times, that Thy Holy Spirit of truth may ever live in us; and that we may so meditate on the story of things temporal, as ever to worship Thee the Living and Eternal God. AMEN.

Good Books.

Blessed God, who hast caused all good books to be written for our learning, as Thou givest all good thoughts for our thinking, help us not to misuse the gift of Thy wisdom or Thy Spirit. So let us read all good books carefully, and listen to all wise teaching modestly, and meditate on all good sayings attentively, that we may be led into all truth, and nourished in all goodness of life, to the praise of Thy holy name. AMEN.

The Religion of Christ.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast made unto us Way and Truth, Resurrection and Life; we would seek in this sacred hour to learn His mind and to cherish His spirit. Having His mind and spirit we breathe trust and hope in Thee, the God of our life; we breathe humility; we breathe obedience; we breathe self-sacrifice; we breathe charity toward all mankind. More and more may we possess the mind, and be ruled by the Spirit of Christ, to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

The Religion of Prophets and Apostles.

Almighty God, by whose providence we see in Hebrew history the gradual manifestation of Thy righteous character and will, and in the records of Christ's apostles the awakening and beginning of a more free and Divine religion among men; mercifully grant that setting aside what is temporal in each, we may lay fast hold of what is eternal. Thus lead us into all truth, and deliver us from all error, to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

A Prayer for Illumination.

Merciful Father, who willest not Thy children should wander in darkness; pour the Light of Thy Spirit into our minds and hearts, that we may discover what is Thy holy will, and discern the true from the false, the evil from the good, that we may henceforth walk in all humility in the paths of heavenly wisdom and peace, to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

After Sermon.

Almighty God, who hast sounded in our ears Thy saving truth, enlighten our minds and souls to the full understanding of what has been spoken, and deepen in our hearts every serious impression, that we may not only be hearers of good words, but also doers of good deeds, striving ever to live blameless and faithful lives, through Thy help, and to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard at this time with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

Almighty God, it is true knowledge to know Thy name, and true life to obey Thy will; vouchsafe to us, we beseech Thee, the constant help of Thy spirit, that amid our daily duties and temptations, we may live by the light Thou hast made to shine upon us, and that growing in goodness unto the end, we may depart in peace, our eyes having seen Thy salvation. AMEN.

Almighty God, give us grace to contend always for the right, and, if need be, to suffer for it, and give us not over to any death of the soul, but rather lift us into newness of life, and let us glorify and enjoy Thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Nation.

Almighty Lord, of whose righteous will all things are, and were created; who liftest the islands out of the deep, and preparest not in vain the habitable world; Thou hast gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters, and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness; and let not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts; reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. With all Thy blessings bless Thy servant EDWARD, our King; and every member of the Royal House. Fill his heart and theirs with such loyalty to Thee, that his people may be exalted by their loyalty to him. To our Legislators and Counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our Judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how

Thou hatest robbery for burnt-offering; that the gains of industry may be all upright, and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times: and our deepest trust be in Thee, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Church.

O God, who didst send Thy Word to speak in the Prophets and live in Thy Son, and appoint Thy Church to be witness of Divine things in all the world; revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony; and through the din of earthly interests and the storm of human passions, let it make the still small voice of Thy Spirit inly felt. Nearer and nearer may Thy kingdom come from age to age; meeting the face of the young as a rising dawn, and brightening the song of the old, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace." Already let its light abash our guilty negligence, and touch with hope each secret sorrow of the earth. By the cleansing spirit of Thy Son, make this world a fitting forecourt to that sanctuary not made with hands, where our life is hid with Christ in God. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Unity of the Church.

Almighty God, in whom is calmness, peace, and concord; heal Thou the divisions which separate Thy children from one another, and enable them to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. While there are diversities of knowledge and of faith, and we cannot all be of the same mind, may we be made one in brotherly love, and in devotion to Thy holy will. Deliver us from all blindness and prejudice, from all

clamour and evil speaking, that by the charity of our temper and thought and life, we may show forth the power and beauty of the religion we profess, to the glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer for Ministers and Congregations.

Almighty and Everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; send down upon all ministers of the Gospel, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace. Pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing, that they may be true messengers of Thy great love in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

A Prayer for a Succession of Prophets and Apostles.

Almighty God, Fountain of Life and Light, who didst raise up prophets in ancient times to warn and instruct, and whose Son, Jesus Christ, didst send abroad into the world apostles, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; we beseech Thee to raise up in these days an increasing number of wise and faithful men, filled with the old prophetic fire and apostolic zeal, by whose labours Thy Church may be greatly blessed, and Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Christian Ministry.

Almighty God, the Father of lights and the Giver of all good gifts, of whose Providence and Spirit have come different orders and callings amongst Thy people; pour out the abundance of Thy grace upon all who stand ministering before Thee in Thy sanctuary, and so replenish them with the truth of Thy teaching, and the

meekness of Thy wisdom, and so nourish and preserve them in all simplicity and devoutness of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee with sincere and acceptable sacrifices, ever speaking Thy message boldly and in love, seeking only to do good to men and so glorify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer for all Christian Workers.

Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all those who are devoted to serve Thee in works of charity, in the training of the young and reclaiming the fallen,—those who visit the sick, minister to the poor, instruct the ignorant, and lead back to the Father's House them that are astray. Accept their labours, and grant that while they sympathize with others in their necessity, they may bring them to share the joy of the Divine life wherein they live, may comfort the sorrowful with the consolation wherewith they are comforted of God, and may with them attain to that spiritual perfection which they desire: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer in a Time of Religious Declension.

Almighty God, the Hope of Israel and the Saviour thereof in time of trouble; we pray unto Thee for all those whose confidence in heavenly things is failing, and whose love is waxing cold; for those who are wandering from Thy ways in darkness, and forgetting Thee more and more. Have mercy upon them, and turn them to Thyself. In quiet hours may memory, recalling lost feelings of religious tenderness and joy, and forsaken habits of prayer and service, awaken them to repentance. Rekindle in them, we beseech Thee,

the flame of Divine love; revive aspiration and restore them to Thy salvation. Pour upon us all the spirit of faith and obedience, that we may avoid whatever weakens and destroys us, and lay hold on the life which is life indeed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Doubting.

Almighty God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and whose secret is with them that fear Thee; we pray for all who, in these days of unsettlement and growing knowledge and changing opinion, are troubled by questioning and doubt. Inspire them with that loyalty of soul to which the things essential to health and peace of life are ever clear. Keep them humble, earnest, aspiring, and pure minded, that they may never be without the light which makes plain the path of duty. Rebuke in them all impatience, presumption and despondency; all dishonesty and uncharitableness; endue them with the spirit of wisdom, and hope, and courage. Be Thou their Teacher and Guide; for if Thou dost teach them they cannot learn amiss, and if Thou dost guide them they cannot go astray. Help us all to a truer, simpler, and more peaceful trust in Thee. Help us to put away from ourselves all such unprofitable and merely curious questionings as would mislead, or hinder us in the practice of those duties which Thou requirest of us; and suffer us not to be led astray by vain desires and vain knowledge. What we need to know teach Thou us; what we cannot know make us content to leave unknown, and to wait patiently on Thee till the shadows flee away. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Bereaved.

Almighty God, in whose comforting and keeping there is shelter from the storm, and in whose mercy and pity there is shadow from the heat of life; hear now our prayers, we beseech Thee, for those who are mourning for their dead. Send Thy pity to lighten their darkness, and the sense of Thy presence and sympathy to fill their loneliness. Touch their wounds with Thy hand of healing, and help them to be still. Give them strength to do and to bear Thy perfect will, and to take up the duties of their daily life more bravely for the sake of the beloved who live no longer here on earth. Soon may the heavens open where they are most darkened now, and the angels descend on the silent home and its saddened hearts. Help us more and more to feel and realize that in Thy holy care are all Thy children, whether here or there; that the Eternal God is their refuge and home in this and in all the worlds. And unto Thee, known in Christ and loved in all the good and faithful, be praise and glory for ever. AMEN.

The Commemoration of the Departed.

Eternal God, Lord of every world, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead; we bless and praise Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear to us who worship Thee now with a voice from which all mortal sadness has passed away; and we beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow their good example that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit; and that finally, when we too are called to bid farewell

to this world of love and beauty, of joy and sorrow, we may be gathered together with them in the everlasting light and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer for Friends and Kindred.

Almighty God, whose goodness loved us into life, and whose mercies never fail; we commend to Thee all who have a place in our hearts and sympathies; all who are joined to us by the sacred ties of kindred, friendship, and love; all little children who are dear to us; all who help us to a faithful life and whose spirit turn our duties into love; keep them both outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, and pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer for Parliament.

Gracious God, we pray Thee as for free nations in general, so for our own people, and for our Parliament now assembled; that Thou wouldest inspire all counsellors and legislators with the spirit of right, justice, and truth, and with Thy most holy fear; and that Thou wouldest prosper their counsels to the advancement of true religion, and the welfare and honour of our government and dominions; that things may be settled upon sure foundations, and that peace and happiness, fairness, and right, with Thy holy faith and fear, may continue among us for all generations. All which we pray for Thy name's sake. AMEN.

A Prayer for National Tranquillity.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who makest men to be

of one mind in an house, and stillest both the rage of the sea and the madness of the people; we thank Thee for the great blessing of a quiet and well-ordered state, and pray Thee by Thy grace to keep far from us the spirit of discontent, sedition, and strife; so that leading peaceable lives in all godliness we may ever offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, to the honour of Thy holy name. AMEN.

A Prayer in Time of War.

O God, our Creator and Preserver, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth, and who didst reveal Thyself by Thy Son, the Prince of Peace; we cry to Thee in our distress, and beseech Thee to bring the violence and bitterness of war to an end. Breathe Thy Spirit upon Thy children; give wisdom to all rulers, and hasten the time when the peoples of the world shall praise Thee in one family, to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

A Prayer in Time of General Sickness.

Almighty and Ever-blessed God, in the darkness of whose providence there is mercy to comfort and grace to help; have pity upon us, and turn from us this great sickness and mortality with which we are now visited, and restore the voice of joy and health in our homes. This prayer we ask, if it be Thy will, and for our true good. Comfort and strengthen those who lie stretched on the bed of suffering: open the fountains of brotherly kindness and sympathy; and give us all grace to resign ourselves into Thy hands with sincere submission and humble hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Prayer when General Health is Restored.

Merciful God, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; we bless the goodness which hath preserved so many of us alive in the midst of a great mortality, and hath restored health in our land, and the voices of joy in many homes. Help us now to offer ourselves a living sacrifice to Thee, who art worshipped in spirit and in truth. AMEN.

A Prayer for the Coming of God's Kingdom.

O Thou whose eye is over all the children of men, and who hast called them, by the Prince of Peace, into a kingdom not of this world; send forth His Spirit speedily into the dark places of our guilt and woe, and arm it with the piercing power of Thy grace. May it reach the heart of every oppression, and make arrogancy dumb before Thee. Let it still the noise of our strife and the tumult of the people; put to shame the false idols of every mind; carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourner; and more and more increase the pure in heart who see their God. Commit Thy word, O Lord, to the lips of faithful men, or to the free winds of Thine invisible providence, that soon the knowledge of Thee may cover the earth, as the waters cover the channels of the deep. And so let Thy kingdom come through Christ Thy Son. AMEN.

A Prayer of Intercession.

Hear us, O Lord God Almighty, as we together pray for our brethren who are overborne with trouble, worn with many cares, and broken with adverse blows. Have mercy upon those who have brought their

anxieties with them into this house of prayer, and whose spirits are heavy and distressed even in the hour of praise; comfort them by Thy sacred grace and lift upon them the light of Thy face. Strengthen, we humbly pray Thee, those who try to bear the burdens of their poor neighbours, those who strive to lift up the morals of our people and to enlighten men with the truth that maketh free; uphold and inspire those who consecrate their powers to hold back the tides of intemperance and vice in this our land, and all Thy soldiers on the field of battle who are trying to help the world towards peace and purity and Thee. And we ask Thy blessing for those who have no power to help, but can only wait and hope and pray. We commend to Thy fatherly care the sick and suffering; open their eyes that they may see Thee. Have compassion upon those whose souls are dumb under the shadow of affliction, those whom Thou hast newly baptized into the sanctity of suffering. Our Father, Thou hast ordained that our mortal life should be a struggle; keep us brave and loyal; help us so to fight the good fight of faith, that Thou mayest make our fight Thy victory. Deliver us from evil. Cleanse us by Thy spirit and renew us in Thy grace, and afterward receive us into Thy kingdom. AMEN.

A Prayer for a Service at Sea.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, from Thy presence we cannot escape, and to Thee our every movement and way is known. Thou art with us in our peaceful homes, and on the pathless seas. May we see Thee in all things, and all things in Thee. Make us to feel that the

winds are Thy messengers, and that not without Thee the waves are lifted up, and the storm cometh. Help us to control our thoughts and feelings and stay our minds on Thee. Always stronger than our fears may our trust be. Show us Thy wonders in the deep, and make us sensible of Thy power and goodness. To Thy gracious protection we commend our dear ones at home. May no evil happen to them, nor any harm come nigh their dwelling. And may we be brought back in due time, in comfort and safety, to bless Thy name and confess Thy merciful and faithful care. AMEN.

A Prayer for a Service in a School or College.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, by whose spirit man is taught knowledge, who givest wisdom to all them that ask Thee, grant Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to all who serve Thee here, whether as teachers or learners, and help us in the work which Thou hast given us to do. Enable us to labour diligently and faithfully, not with eye-service, but in singleness of heart, remembering that without Thee we can do nothing, and that in Thy fear is the beginning of wisdom. May we set Thy holy will ever before us, and do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, that so our fellows now and in the days to come may be the better for our studies here. Open Thou our eyes to know Thy marvellous works, to search out our own spirits, and to understand the wondrous things of Thy law. Of Thy great goodness pour into our hearts the excellent gift of charity, and grant that in meekness, and truth, and purity we may glorify Thee, the Father of lights, in the spirit of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

General Prayers.

I.

For Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY Father, each day would we offer Thee the first tribute of our thoughts, the freshest ardour of our affections. But this is the day which the Lord hath made, which brings to us with its hallowed light the memories of creating goodness and redeeming love. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker, Preserver, and Benefactor. For unnumbered mercies and blessings, often unnoticed, oftener unimproved, ever undeserved, we thank and praise Thee. For being and wellbeing, for the supply of our wants and the preservation of our lives; for health of body, for vigour of mind, for all the temporal blessings Thou hast bestowed and the evils Thou hast averted, we bless and praise Thy holy name. But, as for the blessings of Thy providence, so also would we thank Thee for the riches of Thy grace. Our souls would magnify the Lord and our spirits would rejoice in God our Saviour. Alas! that the homage of our lips should be so often belied by the unfaithfulness and disobedience of our lives. Help us no longer to offend; suffer us no more to wound our consciences and grieve Thy Holy Spirit. The sins we confess enable us to renounce. The errors we deplore help us to correct. May the high motives and holy inspir-

ations of religion infuse a new elevation and dignity into our daily lives. May every thought of our minds, and every feeling of our hearts, and every energy and activity of our lives be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. From the stain of sin do Thou cleanse us; from the shame of sin do Thou cover us; from the dominion and power of sin, Redeemer of our souls, be pleased to deliver us. Endue us, we beseech Thee, with the mind of Christ. Bestow on us the spirit of self-sacrifice, a mind that ever contemplates not our own but others' good; a heart that knows not a selfish wish; a will that bends all its inclinations and purposes to the will of God. And whatsoever the lot in life Thou hast been pleased to assign to us, help us to be content therewith, and to find in all around us food for holy thought and helps to holy discipline. Illumine our minds with Thy wisdom, and direct our erring steps by Thy guiding hand. May every period of our lives as it passes render us more gentle, earnest, unselfish and heavenly-minded. Bring us ever in spirit and character nearer and nearer to Thyself; may we by Thy Spirit be perfectly transformed into the image of Christ, and thus made meet for serving Thee here, and made partakers of the glory which is to be revealed hereafter. All which we ask in the name of Him who is the pledge and earnest of all Thy gifts, in whom and with whom Thou hast freely given us all things, even Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

II.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we would look to Thee as our Sun and Shield: help us to be glad in Thy light, and to trust in Thy protection. Even when clouds and darkness are round about Thee, we would hold fast the conviction that Thou Thyself art light, and that in Thee is no darkness at all. Give us grace to believe that behind all clouds Thy love shineth eternally, and that all the mists of our earthly perplexities shall yet be scattered by its radiance. We bless Thee for the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. We cannot fathom the mystery of His nature: but we cling to Him as Thine only begotten Son—the very image of Thy substance; and we rejoice in the simplicity of that revelation which has come to us through Him. We thank Thee for the assurance which He has given us of Thy parental compassion and redeeming grace. We rejoice that He is our Living Way to Thee, the Father, and the holy channel of Thy holy salvation to us, Thy sinful children. We bless Thy Name also for the light which He has shed on our own nature, duty, and destiny. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may all learn Christ, and be taught in Him, even as truth is in Jesus; so that, following Him, we may not walk in darkness, but may have the light of life.

Heavenly Father, help us also to look continually unto Thee as our Shield. Defend us, we pray Thee, against every foe. We flee unto Thee to hide us—even from our own guilt and sinfulness. We humbly confess our past transgressions and failures:

we acknowledge the selfishness and self-will that lurk within our nature. Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, a deeper contrition of heart; but keep us from remorse and despair. Help us to believe the Gospel of Thy pardoning mercy which is proclaimed to us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that, through the might of His Cross, we may be delivered both from the burden of guilt and from the tyranny of selfishness. Draw us into such fellowship and sympathy with the mind of Jesus, as that we may come into truer harmony with Thy perfect will, and Thy statutes may become our songs. May the gracious influences of Thy Holy Spirit purify all our thoughts, desires, and affections. Thus do Thou fortify us within, and do Thou likewise enable us so to hold fast the shield of faith as to quench the fiery darts of temptation which assail us from without.

Shelter us also, O God, we beseech Thee, in the day of affliction: be Thou a refuge from the storm, and a shadow from the heat. Even whilst we are lying safely in Thine arms, we are sometimes foolishly timid. O help our unbelief, and in Thy tenderness assure us of Thy protection. Thou canst make all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Let not calamity injure our souls: let not sorrow corrode our hearts. May we learn those lessons which Thou art seeking to teach us in every time of trouble: and may we grow humbler and holier through all Thy discipline and training. Defend us also, we entreat Thee, amid the perils of prosperity: keep us from pride and vain-glory, from avarice and worldliness.

May we remember that we have nothing which we have not first received; and may the spirit of gratitude be our safeguard. Pour into our hearts also the spirit of unselfishness, so that, when our cup overflows, we may seek to share our happiness with our brethren. O Thou God of Love, who makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendest rain on the just and the unjust, grant that we may become more and more Thy true children, by receiving into our souls more of Thine own spirit of ungrudging and unwearying kindness.

Father of Spirits, who willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, we pray that the light which Thou hast given us in Thy Gospel may be diffused throughout the world. Unto all peoples may the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in His wings. Strengthen and direct Thy servants who, in distant lands, are preaching unto the heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. May multitudes be delivered out of the power of darkness: may they be rescued from their bondage to foul vices and superstitious terrors, and may life take on a new aspect for them, through knowledge of Thy redeeming mercy and Thy sheltering care. Bless and guide the churches of Christ in our own country, and fill them with the spirit of holiness and brotherhood.

May all Christians shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life, and directing their fellow-men to find shelter in Thy holy and boundless love, revealed in Jesus. We would ask all in

His name, as His disciples and subjects, desiring to be more faithful to His teaching, and more loyal to His kingdom. AMEN.

III.

A Morning Prayer.

Almighty and Everlasting God, our Righteous and Merciful Father, praised by all the voices of earth and the hosts of heaven, we glorify Thy Name and call one to another, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy great glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Praise be to Thee, Father of all, who callest in the darkness and openest to us the gates of the morning. Thou changest times and seasons; Thou settest the stars in their watches; Thou leadest forth the day. In this day which Thou hast given us may we reverence Thy holy law, and not be put to shame by our words and deeds.

Father of Mercy, who continuest to pour Thy blessings upon us, let Thy goodness be health and strength to us, that we may be thankful and holy. In this world which Thou art redeeming, we would magnify Thee, O Lord our Redeemer, and praise Thee in lives consecrated to Thy will and the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father of Truth, around us and within us art Thou, the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Give us to search Thy teachings without ceasing; to behold in Thy laws the ways of our feet, and by quick

obedience to the light within to honour and not grieve Thy Holy Spirit.

Father of Love, may all earthly love reveal to us Thy love; and may Thy love lift our earthly love into pure brightness and eternal life. In love and friendship make us faithful; faithful to praise, faithful to blame; faithful in dark days as in glad hours. Be Thou our love's beginning and our love's end, and help us to love Thee in all and above all, that Thou mayest be all in all.

O Thou who art the Lord of all our days, be near to us in the strife of life. Keep alive and strengthen in us all that is simple, and good, and true. Suffer us not to be patient with anything in our life that is weak and wicked. Let us be more glad of any victory we may win over ourselves than of any good fortune that may come to us. Let us be more sorry for the evil that we ourselves do, than for the evil that is done to us. Prepare us for our daily duty and care; and whether we live with many eyes upon us, or seen only by the few who love us, may our's ever be the spirit that trusts in Thy goodness and seeks only to do Thy will.

O Thou from whom we come, to whom we go, the Beginning and the End of our lives; lead us day by day from evil to good, from ourselves to Thee. Pity our frailty. Amid all the changes which await us as life advances visit us with Thy mercy. Let our broken hopes in this world move us more and more to put our hope in Thee, the Refuge and Home of Thy children in all generations.

And unto Thee, O God our Father, be all praise and glory from the whole Church of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

IV.

A Morning Prayer.

O Thou who art the Light of life, we thank Thee for the light that greets us at the dawning of this new day. Shine with Thy morning upon our souls. Search us as Thy sun searches the darkness. Scatter the shadows of our selfishness, and make the sky of our feeling and thought clear and bright. May our life be full of quickening and gladdening light to others, that both we and they may be children of the light and of the day.

O Thou whose goodness is infinite, we bless Thee that in our unconscious hours the world is so rich and full of blessing. In the quiet of the night when we sleep Thy moon and Thy stars shine above us in the heavens. Thou dost not leave us in darkness at any time. Thou fillest our whole world and life with Thy presence. In our saddest and sorest experiences, we are not left comfortless. In the valley of the shadow of death Thou art with us—seeking our good all through the times of our ignorance and doubt and fear, of our sorrow and pain and sin.

Lord of our life! Thou hast again called us to our daily round of toil and care. We would go forth like Thy sun with brightness, seeking only to do good, to learn, obey and love Thy will, and to help and make happy our fellows all through the hours of this day as becometh disciples of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

O Thou in whom there is Eternal peace and harmony, silence the discords of our lives; rebuke and destroy our selfish passions and aims, and win us and all men to the obedience of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

V.

O God, the Father of spirits, the Lord and giver of life, we bless and praise Thee for all Thou art to us, and for all Thou doest for us day by day. For forming us after Thine own image; for quickening us by Thy Spirit, and for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for the voice of Thy calling repeated so often; for Thy forbearance and longsuffering; for everything, whether joy or sorrow, whereby Thou dost draw us nearer to Thyself; for all who help us by their example, their counsel, or their prayers; for all fair memories and lovely hopes,—for these and all other mercies, known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we give thanks unto Thee, and will give thanks, now and ever.

O God, Father of lights and Source of all goodness, we bless Thee that Thy Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to enlighten our darkness and to guide our feet in the way of peace. May we hear His voice; follow in His footsteps, and finally receive those exceeding great and precious promises which He hath given to those who love and serve Thee.

O God, Eternal and Unchangeable, we bless Thee that amid all the shadows that fall on our earthly way, the doubts that perplex and the fears that hinder us, we

have one steadfast light ever shining upon our path, even the light of Thy love. Thou watchest over us, and we are safe; Thou guidest us and we cannot lose the way. We pray for the spirit of trust and obedience, that we may always yield ourselves to Thy will, and find in Thee the true rest of our souls, the true strength of our life, and the joy that abideth for ever.

Holy and Ever-blessed God, teach us to love one another with pure hearts fervently, that we may show forbearance and forgiveness toward those who do us ill, and recompense to no man evil for evil. Help us to be merciful as Thou art merciful, loving and self-forgetful, that we may bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ our Lord.

Be Thou, O God, ever with us, within and without, to strengthen and guard, to guide and comfort us, that even unto death we may glorify Thy Name. Not of our worthiness, but of Thy tender mercy have regard to our prayers. AMEN.

VI.

Father of Light, Father of Love, Father of Jesus Christ, and our Father, the Lord God by whom we live and on whom our hopes are built, though we have to turn again and again to Thee, Thou art never turned away from us. Thou art the Ever-Near and the Ever-Merciful, the Heart of the truth, the beauty and the bounty of life, Eternal Wisdom, Eternal Goodness, Eternal Fatherhood.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to show us Thy Glory. In every aspect of the universe, in every law which knowledge reads aright, in every page of history, in every pure affection of the heart, in every aspiration of the soul, in the witness of every saintly life, in the light which shines from the face of Jesus Christ our Lord, we would see Thee and worship Thee. Bid all our fear and doubt depart, and every unworthy thought of Thee and Thy ways. Through the loving kindness of nature and man, through the grace of Thy beloved Son, through our experience of life, and the secret teaching of Thy Spirit, may we grow into a firm and effectual persuasion of Thine infinite goodness. Make us calm and strong in the faith that Thou art always near, that our little lives are part of Thine, that in this world and in every world the Eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Father of all, we praise and bless Thee for the varying splendours of the year, for this fair and gracious earth, for beauty and gladness and peace. We praise and bless Thee for all the things which give strength and joy to our hearts, and refresh and renew our lives, for the Providence that maketh us to lie down in green pastures and leadeth us beside still waters. We praise and bless Thee for all those who nourish our faith and are helpers of our joy, for teachers whose word is to us wisdom and strength, for little children who subdue us by tender thoughts, for the friends who love us and whose gentleness and confidence and sympathy make us great. We praise and bless Thee for Thy Word, which

comes to us by the lips of prophets and apostles, in the life of the Son of Man, and through Thy Church in all ages. May the Word ever more be made flesh! May the Bread of God ever more come down from heaven, and give life to the world!

O God, most Holy and most Merciful, in our weakness and in the multitude of our transgressions, we turn to Thee. Receive the confessions which now and always mingle with our thanksgivings and aspirations. Absolve us from our sin. From our shame and stain do Thou cleanse us. From every weakening and defiling thought do Thou deliver us. Help us to overcome the evil in our hearts, and all base love and fear of the world. Amid the strife of conflicting impulses and interests save us from the mean surrender. Let not Thy good gifts prove a snare to us; let not the light from heaven lead us astray; let not our best affections and desires betray us. In all the relations of life may we ever love, seek, and serve the highest. Help us to shape the earthly things after the heavenly patterns. From day to day may we submit ourselves to be ruled and guided even as Thou wilt. May every day of this new week be a day of obedience and charity, a day of following in the footsteps of Him who loved and obeyed Thy perfect will perfectly.

Everlasting God! How few are our days and how swiftly do they fly! Help us, while for us the light shines and the darkness lingers, to do with our might what Thou hast set us to do. Be our Stay and our Strength till for us these earthly seasons cease; and when we have passed through the last mortal darkness, be Thou, O

Lord God, our Everlasting Light. We offer these thanksgivings and prayers in the faith and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

VII.

Almighty God, our words fail when we would speak of Thee, but our souls cannot cease to acknowledge Thee. We praise Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks to Thee, the Father Everlasting, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father. Blessèd be Thy Name that the mystery by which we are compassed about is a mystery of Infinite Goodness. For all the things that make our passing days beautiful and blessèd, we devoutly thank Thee; for the heavens above and the earth beneath, and for the life which goeth forth evermore from Thee; for labour and rest, for joy and sorrow, for the mercies that make us glad, and for the trials that admonish us to renew our trust and to exercise our souls in patience. We bless thee for thy redeeming love revealed to us in the Life and Cross of Thy Belovèd Son, and for the grace by which we are His disciples. We bless Thee for the manifold gifts of Thy Spirit; for the fellowship of the Church of Christ; for this world of rich opportunities, and the hopes and promises of the world that is to come.

O Thou whose grace doth ever keep and whose love can never fail us, we would commit our ways unto Thee. May we trust in Thee and do good; live nearer to Thee, and to the dear and holy light of the Redeemer's

life. Be Thou the Guide of our thoughts and the Ruler of our wills. In much simplicity and sincerity may we do our daily work; and in much patience and quietness may we bear our daily troubles. Consecrate for us our toil and care, and bind us closely unto our fellows in gracious dispositions, and in all the charities and brotherly services of life. Sweeten for us our adversities; and though we go down into the valley of the shadow of death, may we know that Thou art there, and that there is light beyond, and that all things are working together for good to those that love Thee. Our hope is in Thee, O God. To Thine eternal faithfulness and love do we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us. And unto Thee, O God our Father, be all glory and praise from the whole Church of Jesus Christ, world without end. AMEN.

VIII.

Praise be to God and thanksgiving for ever; to whom we owe all our blessings; who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies; whose bounty never ends, whose goodness never fails, and whose love reigneth from everlasting to everlasting. Praise be to God for the skies above us and the earth beneath us; for health and happiness; for work to do, and strength to do it; for the joys of home and the affection of friends; for the light of knowledge and the lessons of experience; for the Gospel and Church of Jesus Christ, and the influence of His spirit on the generations of men, and

in our own hearts and lives; for the strength and peace of our Christian trusts and hopes; and for all the helps and comforts which we constantly receive from Thy fatherly hand. Let the memory of Thy goodness and grace be health and inspiration to us, filling our hearts with gladness and thankfulness unto our life's end. Help us ever to present unto Thee our bodies, our minds, our souls, as our living and reasonable sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Thou from whom to be turned away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever; grant us in all our duties Thy help; in all our perplexities Thy guidance; in all our dangers Thy protection; and in all our sorrows Thy peace.

O Lord, the Giver of all grace, grant unto us such knowledge of Jesus Christ and such full assurance of faith, that we may rejoice in Thee and serve Thee without fear all our days; that in communion with Thy holy Church on earth and in heaven we may give glory to Thee; that when our day of service is over, and the night of death has come, we may depart in peace, because our eyes have seen Thy salvation. These, and all our prayers, we offer in the filial faith and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

IX.

Almighty God, we worship Thee as our Creator and Father; our Redeemer and Judge. Though by searching we cannot find Thee out unto perfection, yet we bless

Thee that we know enough of Thee to fill our hearts with the strength and peace of trust; enough to comfort and sustain us when life seems going against us, and its crosses are heavy, and its griefs bitter. Thou art just, and merciful, and good, far beyond our highest thought and largest hope.

Almighty God, we worship Thee as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through His love we know how Thou didst love us. Through His Sonship we here come to a real and living sense of our childhood to Thee. Through Him Thou hast assured us of the goodness and joy at the heart of things, and of the gracious meaning and end of our earthly struggle. In His fellowship we have been taught that Thou art not the God of the dead but of the living; that all live unto Thee whether here or there; that in Thee the truth and love and beauty lost to us on earth do not perish but have eternal life. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory over fear and doubt, over sin and sorrow and death, through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Almighty God, we worship Thee as the Fountain of all our goodness, of all the good thoughts we have ever thought, of all the good feelings we have ever felt, of all the good deeds we have ever done. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Almighty Father, whose care for Thy children fainteth

not, neither groweth weary; may our remembrance of all Thy mercies move our hearts now to great thankfulness and praise. We humbly confess Thy goodness and Thy faithfulness; Thy large and tender Providence; the satisfactions of our Father's House; our manifold and abundant sources of refreshment and peace; the hidden mercies of Thy Spirit; the gracious results of life's discipline; all that we have learned through our losses, and disappointments, and failures. We thank Thee for the beauty of the sky and the earth; for the dear faces of those we love; and for all the things which, amid care and strife, enrich and gladden our inner life. We thank Thee for our increasing knowledge of Thee, and of Thy ways with us and all men; for all the holier and larger trusts and wider sympathies of our day; and for all the forces which are redeeming the world, and making the life that now is more fair and good. What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards us? We can only pray that the heavenly blessings may ever fall on hearts truly grateful, and ready for every Divine obedience and every human charity.

O Thou who knowest the secrets of all lives, prepare us for all the changes that lie before us. Have pity upon our ignorance and weakness. Whatever befalls us, may we be preserved from the sin which is the only real evil of life. Ever may we be able to lift up pure hands unto Thee. Leave us not to ourselves, Thou Good Shepherd of the sheep. Father of our spirits, Life of our life, ever may we so feel Thy presence with us that in darkness it may be a light to guide us; a Refuge in

every time of trouble; a Joy deeper than all pain; our Stay and Strength amid all the movement of life, and in the hour of the final passion. And this we ask as disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

X.

Almighty and all merciful God, the Source of all life, the Father of all spirits, and the Author of all good, grant that we may be of one heart with all Thy worshippers everywhere who lift up to Thee the voice of praise and thanksgiving. Day after day, morning and noon and night, the signs of Thy mercy and loving kindness are ever with us. God of our life, Thou dost seek and meet us in all the simple things around us, in the riches of nature, in the love which binds us to the living and the dead, in our daily cares, and in all the calls of duty, in our gladness and in our grief. Father of lights, teach us to discern Thee, and let the veils that hide Thee from us be taken away.

O Thou who art the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, lift us above our doubt and fear into communion with His mind and spirit. More and more may we have His mind concerning Thee, concerning ourselves, concerning our earthly duty and discipline, and all the dark things of our experience. More and more may His spirit of filial trust and obedience dwell and rule in our hearts.

O Thou who hast taught us how good it is to follow the desires which Thou hast put into our hearts, and how grievous it is to lose the love of whatever beauty

and goodness our minds have once beheld; give us grace, we beseech Thee, at all times to covet earnestly the best gifts; to strive daily after the things for which we pray, and always to offer unto Thee the sacrifice of a consecrated and faithful life.

O Thou who hast appointed to each one his place and work in life, we desire to serve Thee in all that we do. Help us to fulfil every duty which Thou dost lay upon us, and to stand in every hour of temptation. In our times of disappointment may we trust in the light that cometh after darkness, and in the strength and peace that are won by strife. In tribulation keep us patient, and amid all the changes of the world preserve in us a cheerful spirit. Enable us to fight the good fight of faith, and to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, to Thee be our obedience, our constant service, our watchful expectation when the dark hour is upon us, and our trustful submission and hope in life's last act of renunciation. O Thou who knowest whence we came and whither we go, in Thy hand we are content to leave ourselves and all whom we love. Help us to do Thy will on earth and Thy will, O Merciful God and Father, be done with us hereafter. AMEN.

XI.

O Thou who hast granted unto us this quiet day and hour, raise our minds to Thy worthy praise and to

calm reflection on things unseen. In truth and humility of spirit, and in reverence of body, we bow before Thee.

Through the tender mercies of our God the day-spring from on high hath visited us. Glory be to Thee, Fountain of the Light visible and invisible, the Creator of heaven and earth, the God of our salvation, and the Holy Spirit of our secret life.

O Thou who art the Giver of every good gift, we praise Thee for all the good things we receive, and all the good things we are permitted to do; for all the good things of this present time and for the hope of good things in the world and life to come. Let the memory of Thy goodness be health and inspiration to us, filling our hearts with gladness and thankfulness all the days of our life.

O Thou by whom alone the wise are wise and the good are good, we praise Thee for all good men whose faith in Thee is strong, in whose heart is love, in whose mind—light, in whose mouth—wisdom, and in whose life—piety. Inspire us with the virtues of Thy faithful children, that we may be fruitful in all good works and live to Thy glory.

O Thou who art the God of our salvation, we praise Thee for Jesus Christ, for the good He did and the evil He suffered, for His charity toward all mankind, and His perfect obedience to Thy will even unto death. We pray Thee to instruct us in the truth of Thy Son, to confirm us in His love, to fill us with His spirit, to nourish

us with His goodness, and in Thy great mercy to keep us in the same.

O Thou who hast created us by Thy goodness, let not Thy work be in vain. Suffer us not by our folly and wickedness to destroy that which Thy goodness hath created and redeemed. We are strangers on the earth, and few are our days and full of trouble, hide not Thy commandments from us. Lead us, day by day, from evil to good, from ourselves to Thee. Reconcile us to Thy holy and blessed will; and give us wisdom and strength to meet and bear and use aright all the circumstances of our life, and to trust Thee alike for life and for death.

O Thou who art the Lord of our lives, to this new week and to all our weeks, grant a holy and healthful course. Help us to glorify Thee in all the thoughts of our minds, in all the desires of our hearts, in all the words of our lips, in all the work of our hands, and in all the ways of our feet, as becometh disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose faith and spirit we offer our prayers. AMEN.

XII.

O Thou who art the Source of all existence, and in whose Life our lives are set, give us grace to feel Thee near, and to worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Humbly and trustfully would we think of Thee as over all and in all; the Invisible in things visible; the Eternal in things temporal; the Soul of good in things

evil; the Truth in partial and passing opinions; the Right that restrains and overcomes wrong, the Love which embraces all the children of men in its final purpose of blessing.

We remember with gratitude and joy how Thou dost meet and satisfy our many and varied needs. In loneliness Thou art society; in crowds thou art solitude; in silence Thou art the still small voice; in tumult Thou art the peace which the world cannot take away; in gladness Thou art sobriety; in disappointment Thou art hope; the everlasting contrast of our passing moods; the unity of the broken fragments of our lives; the Source and Centre of our being and our Eternal Refuge and Home.

From the strife and noise of the world, from the praise and blame of our fellows, and from the vain imaginations of our own hearts, we turn to Thee that we may, for a brief moment, be alone with Thee, our Lord and Judge. No man hath seen Thee at any time, but Thou seest every man. Thou art the unseen and all-seeing witness of our lives. We cannot be in any darkness that hideth from Thee, nor keep any secret from Thee. Thine all-searching Eye is ever on the paths of our life, and to Thee are known the springs of thought and intention. Be gracious unto us as we wait for Thy light, for Thy judgment on our character and ways, for the assurance of Thy forgiveness, for Thy strength and peace.

Holy Lord God, we remember before Thee our sins, the sins of our fathers and of all our brethren. We confess and acknowledge our part in the evil of the

world. Merciful Lord, long suffering and full of compassion magnify Thy mercy toward us and all mankind. Where sin abounds let grace much more abound. Overcome our evil with good.

Fountain of all goodness, Thou needest no prayers of Thy children to move Thee to bless them; but we would fain be moved by Thy Spirit to seek and follow after the things which belong to our peace. Bring into harmony with Thy will our hidden thoughts and affections. Let the mind of Jesus Christ be in us also. Suffer us not in these swiftly vanishing days to be led astray by too eager desires for things that perish in the using. Help us to lay hold on the enduring things of character, the realities of faith, hope and love. Thus may our lives grow ever truer worthier and more beautiful in Thy sight.

Coming up hither week by week to commune with Eternal Love, we pray that our love may increase toward God and toward men. All men are Thy children: help us to live with them as brethren; to put far away from ourselves all that is unjust and unkind, all that is little and mean and to reach out together toward all that is fair and good and great. Join us to the company of Christ's faithful followers here, and grant that we may be worthy of Thy gracious welcome hereafter. O Lord in Thee do we trust; let us never be put to shame. AMEN.

XIII.

O Thou who grantest Thy presence to the lowly in heart, and Thy strength to all who strive to obey Thy will; help us as we now seek through these human offices of prayer and meditation to draw near unto Thee, and to yield our spirits to the influence and inspiration of Thy Spirit. To the light that leads to Thee we consecrate this hour.

O Thou who art more willing to bless than we are to seek Thy blessing, in these our prayers we would shrink from the presumption of saying what Thou shouldst do; humbly would we seek to know, and be prepared for what we should do. Meditating in Thy presence on the duties and opportunities of our life, we would gain new inspiration to correct our faults and improve our time, clearer light and deeper energy to fulfil all our obligations and to finish the work Thou hast given us to do.

O Thou whose throne is truth, and whose statutes are wisdom, we would seek communion with Thee in the knowledge of truth, and in the possession of wisdom. We would see and understand more fully the Divine meaning of the world and life, Thy revelation in nature and man, in all sacred writings, and in Jesus Christ our Lord. To this end, we pray for grace to cultivate that love of truth, openness of mind, simplicity of purpose, that humility and patience, that reverence and aspiration, which are the conditions of larger knowledge and wisdom. Redeem us from the darkness of error and lead us into the light of life.

O Thou whose goodness loved us into life, and in whose

image we are made, we would seek communion with Thee in spiritual beauty of character, and be holy as Thou art holy, perfect with the perfection of our Heavenly Father. Do Thou cause our hearts fervently to desire things pure and true and good, and fervently to hate everything that is unworthy and unlovely. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

O God of love, we would seek communion with Thee in the consecration of our life to Thy service. In word and deed would we manifest the spirit of Him by whom we live. In our daily life and labour we would be faithful to every intimation of Thy will, and be workers together with Thee in blessing our fellow-men. Help us to conquer ourselves, to subdue every mean passion and unlovely temper, to live above the love of the world, and to prefer in everything right to interest, truth to flattery, the favour of God to the praise of man. Help us to hold fast to integrity in all our dealings, to sincerity in our speech, to good faith in our engagements, and to bend all our energies to the fulfilment of Thy will and work.

O God, whose mercy and grace never fail us, that we may enter into communion with Thee in the possession of truth and goodness and love, do Thou bless our worship at this time. Quicken, illuminate, and enlarge our minds and hearts. May we hear a diviner word than it is possible for us to hear amid the distractions of earthly interests and cares. Increase our faith; breathe upon us Thy Spirit; deliver us from the bonds of sense and selfishness, and the deadness of custom, and lead us into the glorious life and liberty of the children of God. AMEN.

XIV.

O Thou Infinite Being, of whom and in whom is all being; by whose power all is done that is done in heaven and on earth; who hast appointed our lot and determined the bounds of our habitation; whose wisdom is unerring, whose goodness is unbounded, whose ways are past finding out; we bow before Thee weak, erring and blind, and know but to say, Our Father.

O Thou who causest Thy sun to rise on the evil and the good, and makest affliction Thy strange work; Thou who from the beginning hast led Thy children in ways of holy living and dying, and chastenest every soul whom Thou lovest; we believe in Thee; believe in Thine almighty power, in Thy universal providence and Thy tender and unfailing mercy.

Holy Father, our dwelling place in all generations, how it quiets and comforts our hearts to commune in prayer with Thee, to listen to sacred words which seem to grow more true and precious with each increasing year, to look toward that heaven of purity, love and peace which Thy beloved Son has opened, so perfectly, to our vision and trust. Thou dost never grow weary or change. Time alters not the purpose of Thy will. From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. Teach us, Ever-abiding One, that because Thou livest we, Thy children, whom Thou hast given being, and whom Thou hast made in Thine own image, will live also; assure us that Thou hast regard for us, yea, infinite love and care.

Heavenly Father, listen to our cry. In Thee is light and no darkness at all. But we are in darkness. Thee

no error and no evil can approach; look in pity upon our erring and wandering. To Thee no infirmity and no weariness can come nigh; but we are weak and oftentimes weary, subject to fear and doubt, pain and trouble, and struggling with burdens beyond our power to bear alone. Come to our help, O God; send us light and peace; give us strength and patience.

O God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Father of our spirits, we believe that all is well. We know that Thou hast given us our nature and life, and this world to dwell in, and we believe that Thou hast put no more darkness, nor difficulty, nor pain into our lot than is good for us, and that as we do not love these things, so dost not Thou love them for themselves alone. We believe in Thine infinite goodness, in Thy pity and care for us in all our earthly trial and discipline. Strengthen in us this great and comforting faith; take part with the light in us against the darkness; give victory to the good in us over the evil. Give us to partake of the victory of Jesus Christ, and to be conquerors and more than conquerors over the evil of the world and life.

O Thou, in whose grace there is strength to do and patience to endure, draw near in comforting to the mourner, in guidance to the perplexed, in strength to the tempted, in salvation to the sinful, in resignation to the dying, in rest and glory to the dead.

O God of life and death, of earth and heaven, we remember our brethren here with us, but forget not those taken from us; and we pray, that we may diligently seek and daily strive after that holiness, without which, neither the living, nor the dead can see Thee as Thou art. AMEN.

XV.

Blessed be God, seen of no human eye, heard of no human ear, whom yet our souls confess, our hearts crave, our thoughts seek, and our tongues praise. Blessed be God, with whose fulness nature overflows, and whose image man bears in his moral being. Blessed be God, whom neither time nor space can measure and confine, Infinite and Eternal Spirit!

From Thee, O God, proceedeth the universe for ever new, fresh in the dew of its everlasting youth. Seasons and centuries pass; the generations of men come and go; but from age to age Thou art God. Beauty shines through all Thy works; its Source and Soul Thou art. Love comes forth to redeem and bless; Love alone Thou art. From the depths of sin, from the darkness of sorrow, we look up to Thee; Thine it is to subdue sin, and to comfort sorrow. Blessed be Thou, the First and the Last, the only True and Holy, our Father and Saviour, now and for ever.

Almighty God, the Father of lights, we would seek and find Thee, not only in what appears to us exceptional and strange, but in the order of creation, in the perpetual marvel of life, in blessings daily given, in our minds and hearts, and in that still centre of our being where Thy calm voice rebukes our passions and our fears. Not with cold and ungrateful hearts do we bow before Thee, but with hearts full of thanksgiving and praise, eager to confess their sense of the goodness of the world and life. We feel the darkness and mystery which beset us behind and before, and how full our mortal days are of questions

which we know not how to answer; yet, now and always, would we keep out of our hearts all terror and dismay. We would ever say with Thy servant of old, Thou art good, and there is no wrong with Thee. Thou knowest whence we came; we trust to Thee whither we shall go. We know in whom we believe, and are persuaded that the God who brought us hither, is great enough and good enough, to care for all His children for ever: only teach us to do Thy will on earth, and Thy will be done with us hereafter.

Almighty God, the Giver and Lord of life; we bless and praise Thee for Thy merciful keeping and gracious care; for all the gifts of Thy providence and grace; for all the blessings which manifest the heavenly Fatherhood, and speak of that childhood to Thee wherein we stand here and now. We thank Thee for the faith which sustains us; the consolations which soothe us; the hopes which inspire us; the light by which we daily walk; for every holy life that wins us, and every sacred page that teaches us. We remember Jesus Christ, who, by the life He lived, the temptations He conquered, the Gospel He taught, and the Cross He bore, has brought us nigh to Thee, whom to know is life, whom to resemble is perfection, and whom to love is the fulness of joy.

O God, in whose love we learn the meaning, and through whose strength we bear the burden and cross of life, we come here to feel Thy nearness; to realize the law we ought to obey and that everywhere binds us; to lay ourselves freely open to Thy Spirit; to receive Thy truth into our minds, Thy love into our hearts, and Thy quickening energy into our wills. In this quiet and

sacred hour we seek wisdom and strength for the labour and trial of life. We look back through our days, and we see much weakness, failure, and defeat. Our lives are not what we would fain have them to be; not what we feel we might make them for ourselves, and for those about us. In Thy presence how poor, stained, and sinful they appear.

With great desire we desire at this time that in the coming days we may do and be better; that hereafter we may be wiser, stronger and more faithful. Awaken us to new vision and purpose. Help us to greater purity and fidelity in our common life. We know that we cannot fight against the best things, and not suffer pain and loss and defeat; and we bless Thee for the knowledge. Let us not be led astray by vain ambitions, and foolish impulses and dreams. Save us from the fate of those who are a curse, and not a blessing, to others, and from the condemnation of those who love darkness rather than light. We pray Thee, O Spirit of the Eternal, to subdue in us all passion and pride, all selfish desire and corrupt inclination. Keep alive in us all that is simple and true; all that keeps us unspotted from the world; all that makes us wise to improve opportunity, strong to resist temptation, brave to live and work by our faith, and to meet calmly the hour of death. We offer this our prayer in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

XVI.

Almighty God, the Ever Blessed, the Ever Holy, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and whose strength is perfected in our weakness, help us

now to draw near unto Thee, by calling in thoughts that stray, and controlling feelings that may be troubled, so that, with mind and heart, we may worship Thee. We do not ask to be protected from Thee; Thou art our refuge and protection. We come to Thee, because without Thee our life is not worth living. We have the same deep needs our fathers had. We bring to Thee the thirst which we cannot quench at any earthly spring, and the hunger which is only satisfied by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Almighty Father, lift us out of our shadows into Thy light, out of our fears into Thy comfortable thoughts, out of our perplexities into Thy clear truth, out of our burdens into Thy strength, out of our foolish and disappointed purposes into Thy holy and blessed will, out of our troubles into Thy peace. For sin give repentance, for sorrow give trust, from the strife of passion and care grant rest, and do Thou visit indifference with Thy quickening power, lest we sleep away into the second death.

O Thou who art our Lord and Judge and yet our Father, we bring our lives to Thee that we may test and measure them by Thine unerring law. May we see them in their true light, and be better able to discern the path of duty. May we see our sins in their true unworthiness, divested of all the glamour of passion. May we see the cares and troubles of our days in the light of the Divine Strength that shall enable us to bear them, and of the Divine Purpose that shall change them into gracious discipline. May we see all present things in their far-reaching relations, and not in their

short-sighted aspects. May we see the wrong and confusion of the world in the final order of the supreme good.

O Thou who searchest the heart and knowest how frail we are; we confess how often we forget Thee and live as if life had no spiritual significance. Our hearts, trodden by common cares and soiled by vulgar passions, lose their power to discern spiritual things. Often we do violence to our better nature, often we grieve the indwelling Spirit. In Thy mercy, O God, turn us from our evil ways, that we may live. May the fear of Thee subdue all base fears, and Thy love expel all mean loves. Do Thou keep and continue us in true and humble obedience to Thy will, and lead and preserve us in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake.

O Thou whose secret is with them that fear Thee, let not the darkness of our folly and selfishness come between us and Thee any more. Give us that great faith in Thee which will fill us with peace with the known that surrounds us, and with the unknown that is above and beyond us. Amid all the comings and goings of the world may we study to be quiet, and in quietness find our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

XVII.

Who can number up the mercies of our God? Who can tell of the measure of His might and wisdom and love? Heaven and earth bear witness unto their Creator; the glad heart of man doth worship the Source of all its joy, and the sad and weary heart celebrate the God of all consolation and hope.

Almighty Father, the Author of every good and perfect gift, whose care for Thy children fainteth not, neither groweth weary, we gather in Thy house to lift up to Thee the voice of our thanksgiving and praise.

We praise Thee for our physical life, for the glow of health and the feeling of strength it may bring; for food and raiment and shelter, and all the innocent pleasures of sense.

We praise Thee for our intellectual life, for the power to observe and think, plan and meditate, and to influence others by the energy of our minds; and for all wise and good books and teachers whose words quicken, enlarge and enrich our thought.

We praise Thee for our moral life, that, notwithstanding our transgression and sin, conscience still speaks to us, and that we have still the power to choose the right and reject the wrong.

We praise Thee for our social life, for all its beneficent fellowships and ministries, for home and friends, and all the things which give us strength and peace amid the disquietude and strife of our passing days.

We praise Thee for our spiritual life, for our knowledge of Thee and our communion with Thee, and for the peace passing all understanding, which the prayer of trust and submission ever brings into our hearts and minds.

We praise Thee for the hope of that life which is immortality, for the persuasion that the souls of the departed are in Thy hand, and that only in the sight of the unwise do they seem to die.

Almighty Father, the refuge of Thy children in every time of need, be Thou our shelter and defence from evil

memories, from memories of passion and shame and failure, which persecute us. Assure us of Thy forgiving mercy. Our temptations and infirmities are many; be Thou our Strength and Helper now, and at all times. We commend ourselves to Thee. We ask Thy guidance in life, that we may be prepared in Thy good time for death, and that, living or dying, we may be Thine through Him who hath conquered death; and as His disciples, to Thee, His Father and our Father, we render our praise now and evermore. AMEN.

XVIII.

The First Sunday of the Year.

Almighty and Everlasting God, the Father of lights with whom there is no variableness, the only sure and unchanging reality in this world and life of change; we bow before Thee with humble hearts. In Thy presence is the highest good. Ignorant of Thee we know nothing aright; wandering from Thee we lose all light and peace; without love to Thee we are separated from Infinite Loveliness, and the only Source of perfect joy.

At the beginning of another year we bow ourselves before Thee, O God of our lives, and seek Thy guidance. We are but of yesterday and know nothing, and the secrets of future days are too deep for us. Clouds and darkness are round about us; but we look to Thee as they whose eyes watch for the morning. By the revelation of Thy goodness and mercy, by our experience of Thy pity and patience, by the swift passage of the years, by the solemn sense of our responsibility, by our consciousness of weakness and need, we beseech Thee, O

God Eternal, our Father, to help us Thy children, now and evermore. Look upon our hearts and lives, and renew them with much strength. Lift us above doubt, darkness, and despair. In all the varied passages of our experience let Thy compassion enlighten and warm our souls; help us to feel the Heart of Good at the heart of all things, and make us quiet and strong in the assurance that what is most blessed will be done, and what is most just and lovely will be accomplished.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, let this new year be to us all the beginning of a new and better life. May it bring new and better thoughts, and new and better ways. May it be marked by more faithful devotion to Thy will. May it be richer in generous purposes and helpful deeds. Whatever comes to us of happiness, or of sorrow, may we never be betrayed into wrong-doing and never grow weary in well-doing. And by doing what must be done, and bearing what must be borne, may we grow in all things wise and good, become more beautiful in Thy sight, and of greater worth to Thee and to our fellowmen.

O Thou in whose appointment our life standeth, help us in all our tasks and trials. Give us our daily bread, and meat to eat of which the world knows not.

That we may hate what is mean, and love what is good; that we may no longer take counsel with vanity and passion, the desire of the eyes and the pride of life; that we may live according to Thy will in all the relations of life, and patiently bear every cross which Thy providence layest upon us; help us, O God.

That we may forget the sins and sorrows of the past,

retaining only the wisdom and humility which they may have taught us; that we may look forward hopefully to the future, believing that Thou who hast led and blessed us hitherto, will lead and bless us still; help us, O God.

Through all the mystery and change of our earthly days we would ever feel that in the Everlasting Strength and Peace we have our abiding place and home. We would ever strive to commit ourselves to the perfect and unchangeable Order and Will which control and guide our human destiny, assured that the appointments of Infinite Wisdom and Goodness must be better for us than aught else we can desire or dream.

Once again, and more than ever, we commend ourselves to the Light in which there is no darkness, to the faithful care of the Goodness which reigneth from everlasting to everlasting. And unto Thee, O God, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, be praise for ever. AMEN.

XIX.

The Last Sunday of the Year.

Eternal God, from whom nothing passeth and is gone, and to whom no new thing can ever appear; we seek in Thee our refuge and strength. At the close of another year we come to Thee with our thanksgivings, and in Thy presence would we humble ourselves.

We remember with grateful hearts the mercy of which we have been constant partakers through these swiftly passing days. Thou hast been our Good Shepherd, and we have not wanted. Through the promise of the spring, through the brightness of the summer, through the riches

of the autumn, Thou hast blessed us. Thou hast been with us in the daily duty and struggle. Alike in sunshine and in gloom have we been sustained by Thee. Thou hast patiently borne with our weakness and unworthiness, and sad failures. In this sacred hour, and in Thy sight, O Thou All-merciful! we would call to remembrance the many good things we have seen and tasted and known—the beauty and bounty of the world; the people we have met; the human love and sympathy which have brightened our days; the good books we have read; the wisdom we have listened to; the thoughts full of inspiration and quickening power which have visited us; the work that has trained and strengthened us; the good we have been enabled to do; and all the things which have made our life fairer and sweeter to us. More especially do we praise Thee for victories over temptation, for gifts of higher faith, larger charity, nobler hearts, more patient spirits; praise Thee, if with purer aspirations and purposes, and with more strength and peace in Thee, we have come to these closing hours of another year.

Father of our spirits, Thou infinitely wise and just Disposer of our lot, we remember in Thy presence our losses and griefs, the hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who have gone from us, and whose coming steps we shall hear again no more. If we cannot thank Thee for these things as we fain would, yet would we pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering the heart and spoiling the life. Our

Father, help us to feel more and more, that all that Thou doest is well for us, and well for all. Comfort us with a deep sense of Thy goodness in each event of our life; and be our strength when our heart and our flesh fainteth and faileth.

Almighty God, our Lord and Judge, we bring to Thee many memories of transgression and failure, and our secret and sad confessions. We mourn that the closing year has so much in it to fill us with shame, and that our record of it is so blotted and stained. We remember the gracious opportunities and privileges we failed to improve, the heavenly visions we disobeyed, the lessons we did not take to heart, the work we did not do, the trials against which we chafed, and the undevout and faithless spirit in which many of our days and hours were spent. O God of mercy! we would humble ourselves before Thee. As we think of what we are, and what we might have been; of what we have done, and what we might have done, our only refuge and defence is Thy long-suffering mercy and love. Heal us with Thy stripes, and be with us that we fall no more.

God of grace, whose compassions fail not, if it be Thy will that we should enter upon another year of life, may we do so with a more earnest desire to follow Thy guidance and obey Thy will. Daily and hourly may we watch and pray lest we fall into temptation. Humble us in the pride of strength; uphold us in the season of weakness. There are things we should like to do before we pass hence and are no more seen; purposes and aspirations Thou hast kindled within us, dreams and visions of goodness and usefulness which we should like to fulfil.

Help us, and hasten us, O God of our life. Strengthen us to strive after the things which in our best moments we see and love. So, when the hour of our departure comes, it shall find us watching, enriched with treasures of which death cannot rob us, and ready for all Thy perfect will. Not of our worthiness, but of Thy mercy, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, hear our prayer. AMEN.

Private Devotion in the Church.

(For the Assistance, especially of the Young.)

Collect on entering the Church.

O God, the source of all pure desires and holy affections; give me now a quiet mind, and a reverent and devout heart, that I may worthily worship Thee at this time, and think how I am living and resolve how to live better. AMEN.

Collect before leaving the Church.

Father in heaven, I thank Thee for this hour of meditation and prayer. Answer the desires of my heart, not according to my poor thoughts, but according to Thine infinite wisdom and love. Let me not be a hearer of the word only, but a doer. Nourish me in all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep me in the same. AMEN.

Before Communion.

O God, my Father, help me now to remember Jesus Christ, and to meditate on the holy lessons of His life and death. Bid all my fear and doubt depart, and assure me of Thy forgiving mercy. Let my heart be replenished with a larger measure of Thy grace. May Thy Son lead me nearer to Thee, and nearer to all Thy children. I commit myself to Him, to be taught and to obey. Hear my prayer for all who need His help, and for all who are striving to follow Him. AMEN.

After Communion.

Grant, O God, that by this holy meditation and communion I may be strengthened for daily service. Suffer me not to break my vows, but help me to live as I pray. May I strive more than ever I have done to live closer to conscience, and to the sweet and holy light of the Redeemer's life. Bind me to Thyself in faithful obedience, and bind me to all my fellow-creatures in the dispositions, charities, and sympathies of my Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

Aids to Silent Worship.

O Holy Father, be with me now, and teach me. Show me my sins, O Lord, but give me grace to leave them.

O God, help me, and make me Thine. Give me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may learn of Christ, and be Thine, as Christ is Thine.

O Father, teach me more and more to enter into the spirit of Thy holy child Jesus. Give me grace to hear Thy voice, and to do Thy will, even as He did it.

Make me faithful, O my Father, in my place and work. Teach me to forget and forsake myself that I may find Thee.

O God, so graft, I pray Thee, the memory of Christ's life and death upon my heart, that, receiving His image in my soul, I may become more worthy to be called His disciple and Thy child.

Pour into my heart, O God, the Spirit of Jesus, that being made one with Him in obedience and sacrifice, I may become one with Thee, even as He is one.

God bless and keep me; rule my heart and quicken me in the Spirit of Christ, from this time forth and evermore. AMEN.

TABLE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

Table of Scripture Lessons chiefly arranged to suit the Order of the Christian Year.

Advent.		First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
First Sunday,	Morning,	Isaiah i. 1—20	Matt. xxiv. 32—47
	Evening,	Isaiah ii.	Rom. xiii. 8—14
Second Sunday,	Morning,	Isaiah v. 8—26 or Ecclesiasticus ii.	Matt. xxv. 1—13
	Evening,	Isaiah xi. 1—10	Matt. xxv. 14—30
Third Sunday:	Morning,	Isaiah xii.	Matt. xxv. 31—46
	Evening,	Isaiah xxvi. 1—19	Luke xxi. 25—36
Fourth Sunday,	Morning,	Isaiah xl. 1—11	Luke i. 46—56
	Evening,	Malachi iv.	Luke i. 67—80
Christmas Day,	Morning,	Isaiah ix. 1—8 or Nehemiah viii. 5—12	Luke ii. 7—20 or Phillipians iv. 4—8
	Evening,	Isaiah xi. 1—10	John i. 1—14 or 1 Cor. x. 23—33
Last Day of Year, or Last Sunday of Year,	Morning,	Deut. viii.	Eph. v. 7—21
	Evening,	Eccl. iii. 1—15	James iv. 11—17
New Year's Day, or First Sunday of Year,	Morning,	Gen. i. 1—4, 24—31 or Ecclesiasticus i. 1—14	Hebrews xi. 8—16 or Luke xii. 13—34
	Evening,	1 Chron. xxix. 9—20 or Ecclesiasticus xviii. 1—15	Luke xii. 35—48 or 1 Thess. v. 1—11

After Christmas.			
FIRST SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah xxxv.	Luke ii. 40—52
	EVENING,	Isaiah xxxii.	Philippians ii. 1—18
SECOND SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah xlii. 1—17	Matt. iii. 1—12
	EVENING,	Isaiah xliii. 1—21	Philippians iv. 1—14
EPIPHANY,	MORNING,	Isaiah lx.	Matt. ii. 1—12
	EVENING,	Isaiah xlix. 8—23	John ii. 1—12
After Epiphany.			
FIRST SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah li. 1—11	Matt. viii. 1—22
	EVENING,	Isaiah liv. 7—17	2 Timothy i. 1—14
SECOND SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah lv.	John i. 29—51
	EVENING,	Isaiah lxi.	Luke iv. 14—32
THIRD SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah lxii.	Matt. iv. 12—25
	EVENING,	Isaiah lxiii. 7—17	1 Cor. ii.
FOURTH SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah lxiv.	Matt. xviii. 1—14
	EVENING,	Isaiah xli. 1—20 or Ecclesiasticus xliii.	1 Cor. iii.
FIFTH SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah lxv. 13—25	Luke vii. 36—50
	EVENING,	Isaiah lvii. 15—22	1 Cor. iv.
SIXTH SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah lxvi. 10—24 or Ecclesiasticus xliv. 1—15	1 Cor. xiii.
	EVENING,	Proverbs viii.	2 Cor. iii. or Acts xvii. 16—34
SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY,	MORNING,	Jeremiah v. 1—7, 20—31	Matt. v. 1—24
	EVENING,	Jeremiah vi. 1—19	Matt. v. 33—48

		First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Sexagesima Sunday,	Morning,	Jeremiah viii. 18—22 ix. 1—19	Matt. vi. 1—18
	Evening,	Jeremiah xvii. 1—14	Matt. vi. 19—34
Quinquagesima Sunday,	Morning,	Jeremiah xxii. 1—19	Matt. vii.
	Evening,	Jeremiah xxiii. 16—40	2 Cor. iv.
Ash Wednesday,		Isaiah lviii.	Luke xv. 1—10
Sundays in Lent.			
I.,	Morning,	Jeremiah iii. 12—25 or Daniel i. 8—21	Luke iv. 1—14
	Evening,	Jeremiah vii. 1—28 or Daniel iii.	Hebrews xii. 3—16
II.,	Morning,	Jeremiah xxxv. or Daniel v.	Matt. x. 16—42
	Evening,	Ezekiel xiv. or Daniel vi.	Ephesians iii. 8—21
III.,	Morning,	Ezekiel xviii. 20—32	Matt. xi. 1—19
	Evening,	Ezekiel xxxvi. 22—38	Matt. xi. 20—30
IV.,	Morning,	Hosea xiv.	Matt. xii. 22—50
	Evening,	Joel iii. 9—21	Matt. xiii. 1—23
V.,	Morning,	Amos viii.	
	Evening,	Micah vi. 1—8	Matt. xiii. 24—28
VI.—Palm Sunday,	Morning,	Lamentations i. 1—12	Matt. xxi. 1—17
	Evening,	Lamentations v.	Matt. xxi. 23—46

Holy Week.			
MONDAY,		Lamentations iii. 1—26	Luke xiii. 23—35
TUESDAY,		Zechariah xiii.	Luke xxi. 1—19
WEDNESDAY,		Zechariah xiv. 6—9	John xiii.
THURSDAY,		Ecclesiastes ix. 10—18	Mark xiv. 12—46
GOOD FRIDAY,		Isaiah liii.	Mark xv. 1—38
EASTER EVE,		Job xvii. or Hosea vi. 1—3	Luke xxiii. 50—56 or Hebrews ii. 9—18
EASTER DAY,	MORNING,	Isaiah xxv. 1—9	Mark xvi. 1—8 or Acts ii. 22—33
	EVENING,	Ezekiel xxxvii. 1—14	Luke xxiv. 13—35
Sundays after Easter.			
I.,	MORNING,	Isaiah xlviii. 12—23	John xxi. 1—18
	EVENING,	Zechariah ii.	Romans vi.
II.,	MORNING,	Genesis xxii. 1—19	John xx. 24—29
	EVENING,	Hosea xiii. 1—14	2 Cor. v.
III.,	MORNING,	Amos v. 1—15	Romans vii. 9—25
	EVENING,	Micah vii.	Romans viii. 1—17
IV.,	MORNING,	Ezekiel iii. 4—27	Romans viii. 18—39
	EVENING,	Hosea vi. 1—6	Romans xii.
V.,	MORNING,	Zechariah viii. 1—17	Romans xiv.
	EVENING,	Zechariah ix. 9—17	1 Cor. viii.
ASCENSION DAY,		Daniel vii. 9—14	Acts i. 1—12 or Ephesians iv. 1—17
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION,	MORNING,	2 Kings ii. 1—15	John xvii.
	EVENING,	Zephaniah iii. 14—20	Philippians iii. 1—16

		First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
Whitsunday,	Morning,	Joel ii. 21—32 or Genesis ii. 1—9	John xiv. 15—27 or Acts ii. 1—21
	Evening,	Ezekiel xxxvi. 25—38 or Numbers xi. 16—30	John xvi. 1—15 or John x. 11—30
Trinity Sunday,	Morning,	Isaiah vi. 1—10 or Exodus xxxiii. 12—23	Revelation iv. or John iv. 19—38
	Evening,	Genesis xxxii. 22—30 or Job xi.	Ephesians ii. 11—22 or 1 John iv.
Sundays after Trinity.			
I.,	Morning,	Genesis xxviii. 10—22	Acts iv. 32 to v. 14 Chap. v.
	Evening,	Ezekiel ii.	Acts v. 17—42
II.,	Morning,	1 Samuel iii.	Acts vi.
	Evening,	1 Kings xix. 1—15	Acts vii. 54—60
III.,	Morning,	Deuteronomy iv. 1—24	Acts ix. 1—19
	Evening,	Deuteronomy v. 22—33.	Acts x. 1—35
IV.,	Morning,	Deuteronomy vi. 1—12	Acts xvi. 11—34
	Evening,	Deuteronomy x. 12—22	1 Thess. v. 12—23
V.,	Morning,	Deuteronomy xxx.	Matt. xviii. 1—14
	Evening,	Deuteronomy xxxiv.	Matt. xviii. 21—35
VI.,	Morning,	Job v.	Matt. xix. 14—30
	Evening,	Genesis xxxvii.	Matt. xx. 1—16
VII.,	Morning,	Job xxviii.	Matt. xx. 20—28
	Evening,	Genesis xlv.	Matt. xxii. 1—22
VIII.,	Morning,	Job xxix.	Matt. xvii. 1—21
	Evening,	Job xxxi. 16—40	Matt. xvi. 13—26
IX.,	Morning,	Job xxxvi. 26 to end of Chap. xxxvii.	Matt. xxiii.

	EVENING,	Job xxxviii.	Matt. xxvi. 1—30
X.,	MORNING,	Exodus iii. 1—18	Acts xx. 17—38
	EVENING,	Exodus xxii. 21 to end of v. 11 Chap. xxii. 11	Acts xxviii. 11—31
XI.,	MORNING,	Exodus xv. 22 to end of v. 8 Chap. xvi.	James i. 1—17
	EVENING,	Exodus xx. 1—20	James i. 19—27
XII.,	MORNING,	Numbers xxiv. or Nehemiah ii.	James ii. 1—13
	EVENING,	Joshua i. or Nehemiah iv.	James ii. 14—26
XIII.,	MORNING,	Joshua xxiv. 1—28 or Nehemiah vi.	James iii.
	EVENING,	1 Samuel xii.	James v.
XIV.,	MORNING,	1 Samuel xvi.	1 Peter ii. 11—25
	EVENING,	1 Samuel xxvi.	1 Peter iv. 7—19
XV.,	MORNING,	1 Samuel xxviii. 1—20	1 John i.
	EVENING,	2 Samuel i.	1 John iii.
XVI.,	MORNING,	2 Samuel xii. 1—23	3 John
	EVENING,	Proverbs iii.	Hebrews xi. 32 to v. 2 Chap. xii.
XVII.,	MORNING,	2 Kings vi. 8—17	1 Timothy vi.
	EVENING,	Proverbs xxxi. 10—31 or Daniel x. 4—21	2 Timothy iv. 1—18 or Hebrews i.
XVIII.,	MORNING,	1 Kings viii. 22—62 or Proverbs iv.	Luke x. 25—42
	EVENING,	1 Kings xxi.	Luke xi. 1—28

		First Lesson.	Second Lesson.
XIX.,	Morning,	2 Kings v.	Luke xiv. 7—27
	Evening,	1 Chronicles xxviii.	Luke xv. 11—32
XX.,	Morning,	1 Chronicles xxix. 9—20	Luke xvi. 1—15
	Evening,	Ecclesiastes vii. 1 14	Luke xvi. 19—31
XXI.,	Morning,	2 Samuel xxiii. 1 – 17	Luke xvii. 1—24
	Evening,	1 Kings iii. 5—15	Luke xviii. 1—14
XXII.,	Morning,	Genesisii.	Luke xv. 1—10
	Evening,	Genesis iv. 1—16	Galatians vi.
XXIII.,	Morning,	2 Kings iv. 8—37 or Esdres ii. 33—48	John xiv. 1—27 or Hebrews xii. 5—11
	Evening,	Job i or Wisdom i.	Ephesians vi. 10—18 or Revelation iii. 14 22
XXIV.,	Morning,	Proverbs xiv. or Wisdom iii. 1—9	John vi. 26—35 or John xi. 1—36
	Evening,	Ecclesiastes ix. 1—11 or Wisdom vi. 12—25	John xii. 20—50 or John xiii. 18—38
XXV.,	Morning,	Isaiah xxxiii. 14—21 or Wisdom vii. 22 to v. 1 Chap. viii.	John xv. or Revelation v.
	Evening,	Isaiah xl. 12—31 or Wisdom iv. 7—20	Acts xxvii. or 2 Cor. vi. 1—10
XXVI.,	Morning,	Isaiah lii. 1—12 or Ecclesiasticus xxviii. 1—21	John xvii. or John iv. 5—26
	Evening,	Lamentations iii. 22—33 or Jeremiah xxxi. 1—17	Colossians iii. or Galatians v. 16—24

XXVII.,	MORNING,	Habakkuk ii. or Ecclesiastes xi. 7 to v. 7 Chap. xii.	Epistle to Philemon or Titus ii. to ver. 8 of Chap. iii.
	EVENING,	Daniel ix. 1—21 or Habakkuk iii.	Hebrews xii. 18—29 or 2 Peter 1—19

Special Services.

MAY DAY, or FIRST SUNDAY OF MAY, or FLOWER SERVICE,	Song of Solomon ii. or Ecclesiastes xi. 7—10	Matt. vi. 25—34
HARVEST THANKSGIVING,	Deuteronomy viii. or ,, xxvi. 1—11 or ,, xxviii. 1—14	Matt. xiii. 24—43 or Acts. xiv. 8—17 or 2 Cor. ix. 6—15
CITIZEN SUNDAY, MORNING,	Genesis xviii. 16—33 or Isaiah lx. 1—20	Luke xix. 37—48 or Romans xiii. 1—10
EVENING,	Genesis xi. 1—9	Revelation xxi.
ALL SAINTS,	2 Kings vi. 8—17 or Wisdom iii. 1—9 or Wisdom v. 1—17 or Ecclesiasticus xliv. 1—15	Matt. v. 1—13 or Hebrews xi. 32 to ver. 3 Chap. xii. or Revelation vii. 9—17

NOTE.

THIS new edition is almost a new book. The services have been re-arranged and made into orders that may be easily followed by a congregation. They are framed on the lines of a way of worship which has been sanctioned by universal experience; but ample room is left in each order for the voluntary and personal prayer of the minister. The two ways of worship (liturgical and free) have each proved their right to exist, and they may exist side by side. Responses which enable people to take part directly and audibly in the prayers of the church both engage the attention and assist in the cultivation of reverent habits. There is as much danger in slighting forms as there is in dependence upon them. The form may be the vehicle and helper of the spirit. We must not fail to use as means what, in their ignorance, many have misused as ends:

> "Oh, sacred be the flesh and blood
> To which is linked a truth Divine!"

It is often said that the great and growing disparity

between forms of worship and the actual beliefs of men, is the gravest and most threatening of all the religious signs of our time. In preparing and revising this book I have sought to find words at once large enough and deep enough to express the common worship of Christian hearts. The introduction of an element of human casuistry into solemn acts of prayer and praise is something which ought, if possible, to be avoided. No honest man cares to repeat in church what is unbelievable out of church. The spirit of truth and the spirit of worship ought not to be two, but one. The best prayers are those which express in simple language, the simple needs, aspirations, trusts and fidelities of the religious and Christian soul. It is possible to welcome and love the new light and freedom of this new day of God, and yet keep the old reverence for the church and its worshipful observance and ways.

For much contained in this book I am indebted to various sources; but most of the prayers which will be new to the reader are, I believe, my own. The first of the *General Prayers* was given me by the late Dr. Caird, Principal of the University of Glasgow, for the fifth edition of this book and the second by the late Dr. T. Campbell Finlayson of Manchester. The general prayers by Dr. Martineau and Dr. Service, which I had permission to use, are omitted from this edition as they can now be found elsewhere.

The version of the 90th Psalm in the *Service of Commemoration* is taken from "The Dream of Gerontius," by the late Cardinal Newman.

A *Table of Lessons* for the Sundays of the year has by special request, been added to this new edition.

This book represents the thought of years. It makes me glad to know that it has been helpful to many, and that its public use has contributed to the devoutness and dignity of public worship in some of the churches of the land.

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